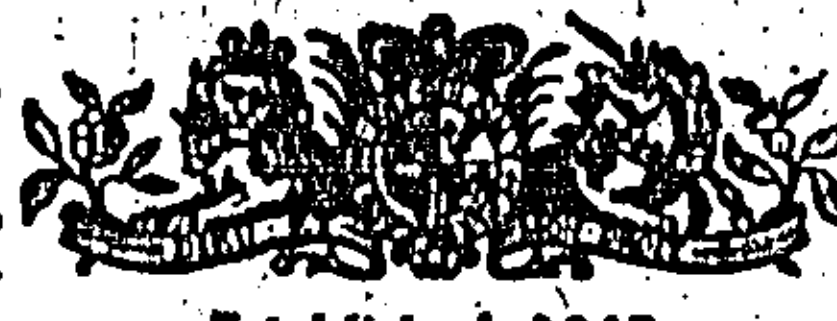
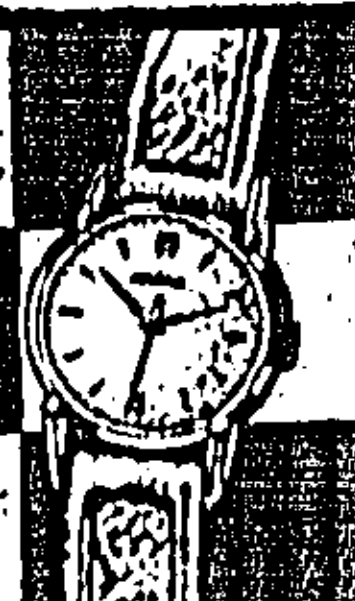




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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Rabies Menace

THE rabies menace in the New Territories is beginning to assume alarming proportions. It is vitally necessary that the incidence should be contained. Any spread of the disease to the urban areas would have distressing effects. Apparently the Authorities are satisfied that one cause for the spread of rabies in the New Territories has been the illegal movement of dogs from an affected area to other parts of Kowloon and it has been decided rigidly to enforce the regulations prohibiting such movement. This is very proper action to take, and it becomes the duty of all dog owners on the mainland to respect the prohibition and to assist the Authorities in applying this fundamental safeguard against the encroachment of rabies into the city and urban districts. It is noteworthy that the Senior Government Veterinary Officer gives the assurance that the disease "can only appear in a city or urban area should a dog be moved from an affected area across the boundaries." This knowledge alone should be sufficient to encourage dog owners in Kowloon to refrain from taking their animals into the New Territories for exercise. Nothing should be done at this time by the public that might render easier the spread of rabies.

WHILE the contention that unrestricted movement of dogs represents a contributing cause to the increase in the rabies incidence is acceptable, the latest developments also prompt the question whether dog owners in the New Territories are failing to have their animals licensed and inoculated. The system now operating ensures that all dogs are licensed and inoculated when they are licensed and inoculated in the New Territories. It is considered the best scientific safeguard against rabies infection. Conceivably, therefore, the New Territories dogs which have become rabies victims have been neither inoculated nor licensed. The possibility of large-scale evasion of these two legal requirements in the New Territories appears to call for a thorough investigation by the Authorities. Owners who fail to comply with the licensing and inoculation regulations need to be prosecuted just as vigorously as those who violate the prohibition of unauthorised movement of dogs. It is to be expected also that the Authorities insist upon strict observance of the regulations which require that dogs, when being exercised, are either muzzled or held under control on a leash. If the current outbreak of rabies is to be successfully held in check - all known precautions must be strictly enforced. Nothing must be allowed that will facilitate in any way the spread of rabies to the heavily populated areas of the Colony. If the situation demands ruthless measures these must be applied in the interests of the community as a whole.

Prisoner Exchange Talks Postponed For 24 Hours

Tokyo, Apr. 3.—The prisoner exchange discussions were postponed for 24 hours today at the request of the United Nations.

UN spokesman Brigadier General William P. Nuccio said the 11 a.m. meeting was called off for "constructive purposes," and that it would be "completely incorrect to say that it was caused by friction between the two sides."

"It was not an arbitrary postponement," he said.

FRENCH OFFICIAL BOMB OUTRAGE IN TUNISIAN CITY

Kesseling Denazified

Munich, Apr. 2.—A German de-Nazification court acquitted ex-Field Marshal Albert Kesseling here today of the charge that he was a major Nazi—the only classification still applied under Bavarian de-Nazification laws.

The court said that the available evidence was insufficient to brand him as such.

A detailed judgment is to be sent to Kesseling and his defence attorney.

—Reuter.

Indo-China "Dunkirk"

Saigon, Apr. 2.—Several thousand Vietnamese Communists are fighting "with the ferocity of despair" today to avoid being driven into the sea by French Union troops in a "Little Dunkirk" action 70 miles south-east of Hanoi.

A French headquarters communiqué said that 300 Vietnamese troops were drowned as they tried to board junk and make a get-away under French air and artillery bombardment.

Confused and bitter fighting raged all over paddy-fields and villages, the French communiqué stated that during the past three days alone more than 2,000 Vietnamese regulars had been killed or wounded.

In addition, large amounts of equipment have been captured and some 100 Vietnamese prisoners liberated.

The communiqué did not disclose French and Vietnam casualties in the bitter action to drive out the Communist battalions which had infiltrated into the Red River delta south of Hanoi. But it said that Vietnamese soldiers were fighting with "the ferocity of despair."

It added that during the past 24 hours French troops drove 20 Communist battalions from a stronghold between the Traly and Red Rivers, some 20 miles due east of Thai Binh, after bombers had plastered the recess with napalm and high explosives.

At the village of Phong Trao, 15 miles south-east of Thai Binh, a French-Vietnam force charged across heavily defended anti-tank ditch and killed 100 of the Communists.

—United Press.

S'pore Dissolves Societies

Singapore, Apr. 3.—The Singapore Government has dissolved seven Chinese societies for being used for purposes incompatible with the peace and good order of the colony.

The societies are: Tuck Khun Wu Chor Seah; Chook Mui Club; Singapore - Hongkong - Canton Passage Brokers' Mutual Aid Society; Chinese Physical Culture Club; Pak Suet Musical and Dramatic Association; Chee Yan Club and Sing Lee Club.

A Government spokesman said the Registrar of Societies is notifying each society of reasons for its dissolution which were not made public. —Associated Press.

Badly Injured In Office Explosion

Tunis, Apr. 2.—A bomb explosion in his office today badly injured M. Pierre Zevaco, the French Vice-President of the Municipality of Sousse, south of here.

It was the second attempt on his life since last February, when a bomb went off outside his home. Today M. Zevaco was injured about the neck and stomach and was taken to hospital.

A new Cabinet for the territory is expected to be announced tomorrow. The Prime Minister, M. Salah Eddine Baccouche, had been expected to announce it tonight but decided to make it tomorrow because Thursday is traditionally Tunisia's day for announcing new Cabinets.

The Premier, after failing to obtain the support of the Tunisian political leaders, was tonight drawing up the final list of his Cabinet, which was expected to be composed mainly of high officials with no party affiliations.

With all factions of the Tunisian Nationalist Movement refusing to collaborate with him, M. Baccouche finally turned to a small circle of high Arab officials, some of whom are reputed to be generally pro-French, usually reliable quarters said today.

The candidates for Ministerial posts included the Sheikh of the Arab quarter of Tunis, Chedly Halder, holder of the Legion of Honour, and generally considered to be friendly towards the French Regency here.

UNREPRESENTATIVE
Tunisian Nationalist quarters described the members of the Baccouche Cabinet as "totally unrepresentative." "They have absolutely no following in the country," they added.

In Paris, a French Ministry Office spokesman said that M. Baccouche's Ministers were "men of high administrative standing."

"M. Baccouche has acted very rapidly. Normally it takes about three weeks to form a Tunisian Cabinet," the spokesman added.

Questioned about the request from the group of Asian-Arab countries that the Security Council take urgent action to settle the Tunisian dispute, the spokesman said that France considered a Security Council debate on Tunisia "inopportune."

France would point out, he said, the recent steps taken in Tunisia which included a new Cabinet.

1.—The disclosure of far-reaching reforms, and

2.—The setting up of a mixed Franco-Tunisian Commission which will meet on April 24 to discuss the application of the reforms.

The spokesman said that the French members of the Franco-Tunisian Commission will be Frenchmen from Metropolitan France. Members of the French delegation in Tunisia will be attached to the French delegation as "technical advisers," the spokesman added.

"DIE HARDS"
Diplomatic quarters pointed out that the French colony in Tunisia was mainly composed of "die hards" who would have found it difficult to come to a reasonable settlement with the Tunisian representatives.

"The choice of people from Metropolitan France will create a much better atmosphere during the talks," they said.

The correspondent of the Conservative newspaper, Le Monde, reported today that the publication of the reforms had "centrality to expectations, not only any decisive psychological effect in Tunisia."

"Tunisian public opinion is still under the depressing impact of the severe police measures," the correspondent said. "Every day further, leading personalities are arrested. Members of the medical profession are particularly affected and also families, which have never been members of the Destour (Nationalist) Party."

—Reuter.

UN DISCUSSION
United Nations, Apr. 2.—The Security Council Chairman, Mr. A. B. J. Bokhari of Pakistan, today decided to call a Council meeting for Friday afternoon to discuss placing the Tunisian question on the agenda of the Council. —France-Press.

Collective Punishment Defended

London, Apr. 2.—The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, was questioned in the House of Commons today about the "collective punishment" imposed by the Malayan High Commissioner, Sir Gerald Temple, on the village of Tanjong Malim.

He said there had been a long series of terrorist outrages in the district, culminating in the murder of an Assistant District Officer, a Public Works Department engineer and 10 others on March 25.

The penalty which had been imposed included a 10-hour curfew in the town and a ban on leaving.

All sale of unrationed rice had been prohibited and the standard ration reduced from 6-2/3 lbs a week to four pounds a week.

Mr. Lyttelton added: "The object of this measure is not punitive but is to enforce greater control of food distribution and to ensure that spare rice is not available to the terrorists."

"As a whole these measures are intended to demonstrate clearly to the inhabitants of this area that the Government are not prepared to tolerate acceptance by them of outrages without any effort on their part to assist the security forces."

TRAP WELL LAID

Mr. John Rankin, Labour, who with Mr. Woodrow Wyatt, Labour, had raised the matter, asked if it were not true that if proper protection had been given to officials and others, such "fascist action" would then have been rendered unnecessary, he said.

Mr. Lyttelton replied: "The area was known to be very dangerous and the escort was doubled, amounting to one commissioned officer and 15 men for this small party, but they were ambushed in a carefully prepared trap."

Mr. Wyatt: "Is it not a fact that the village has never had adequate police protection? Therefore, is it not fantastic to expect the ordinary villagers to give information to the authorities when the result of their doing so is to be murdered by the terrorists?"

"Do you realise that the collective punishment of this kind will only alienate sympathy from the cause which we all have at heart in Malaya, that it is very reminiscent of Fascist methods and that if we carry on in this way we shall lose Malaya?"

Mr. Lyttelton replied amid Government cheers that this question was "couched in terms to give an entirely distorted view of the situation."

He was not prepared to interfere in these cases where outrages were committed, he said. —Reuter.

VICTIM OF



Another Victory For M. Pinay

Paris, Apr. 2.—The French Prime Minister, M. Antoine Pinay, won a victory tonight when the National Assembly, reversing an earlier decision, agreed to discuss one of the key clauses of his "Save the Franc" budget.

Earlier, the Assembly had, by 432 votes to 187, refused to discuss the clause which permits the Government to make, by decree, 110,000 million francs of economies—60,000 million francs of them by cuts in investments and national reconstruction.

After the non-discussion vote, M. Pinay told the Assembly that he would later put the clause to the vote again—this time with the provision that if the Assembly voted to discuss it, he would consider modifications in the text to reduce the stringency of the economy decrees.

He kept his promise and when the vote was taken a second time M. Pinay found the Assembly on his side.

When the vote was first taken, the majority of the Moderate Conservatives and Radicals favoured the discussion of the clause. The remainder of the Deputies, however, voted against.

Before asking the Assembly to vote again, M. Pinay said that he would not make this an official confidence vote, to avoid the 24 hours' delay stipulated before such a vote can be taken.

PREMIER'S THREAT

"But," he added, "if the vote goes against the Government I shall deduce the consequences from it."

Observers saw this as a threat on M. Pinay's part to resign unless the Assembly reversed its decision not to discuss the clause.

The subsequent vote in favour of discussing the clause was made by the Moderate Conservatives, the Radicals, the Near-Radicals, the Popular Republicans and most Gaullists.

The Assembly, in originally refusing to discuss the clause in question, followed the vote of the Finance Commission that economies should not be effected in State investments and national reconstruction.

The economies proposed amounted to 35,000 million francs in reconstruction outlay and 25,000 million francs in investment to enable industry to modernise and re-equip itself.

M. Pinay warned that failure to vote for the 1952 budget would mean reopening the road to rising prices and renewed inflation.

He reminded Deputies that two governments had already fallen this year in attempts to balance the budget.

M. Pinay's budget includes no new taxation but plans the

Prison Terms For Demonstrators

Casablanca, Apr. 2.—Sixty demonstrators arrested at Safi on the west coast of Morocco were today sentenced to prison terms varying from three months to two years. The situation is now calm there.

On Monday night there was a clash at Safi between Europeans and Moroccans in which two Moroccans were killed and nine people were injured. —Reuter.

30-SECS. QUAKE

Mexico City, Apr. 2.—A sharp earthquake rocked Mexico City at 6.37 p.m. GMT today for 30 seconds. No damage was reported, but skyscrapers swayed visibly and hundreds of persons rushed to the streets.

The long distance blackout, because of a phone strike, made it impossible to receive reports from other Mexican cities quickly. —United Press.

Successes For Taft, Kefauver

New York, Apr. 2.—Senator Robert Taft swept to victory in Wisconsin, Nebraska and Tennessee today in his campaign to win the Republican nomination for President.

In an overnight shift of strength, Senator Taft picked up at least 43 and possibly 50 delegates to the Republican convention—24 in Wisconsin, 10 and probably 20 in Tennessee, and a possible 15 in Nebraska where delegates are legally unpledged.

Taft backers promptly announced that the tide had turned against General Eisenhower supporters, but Eisenhower himself said the general was highly satisfied with the anti-Taft vote in Wisconsin and Nebraska.

Senator Taft easily outdistanced Harold Stassen and Earl Warren, Governor of California, in the Wisconsin presidential primary and outpolled General Eisenhower in Nebraska, where he won the vote without stepping a foot in the State.

SOLID WINNER

Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee was an equally solid winner in the Democratic races in both States.

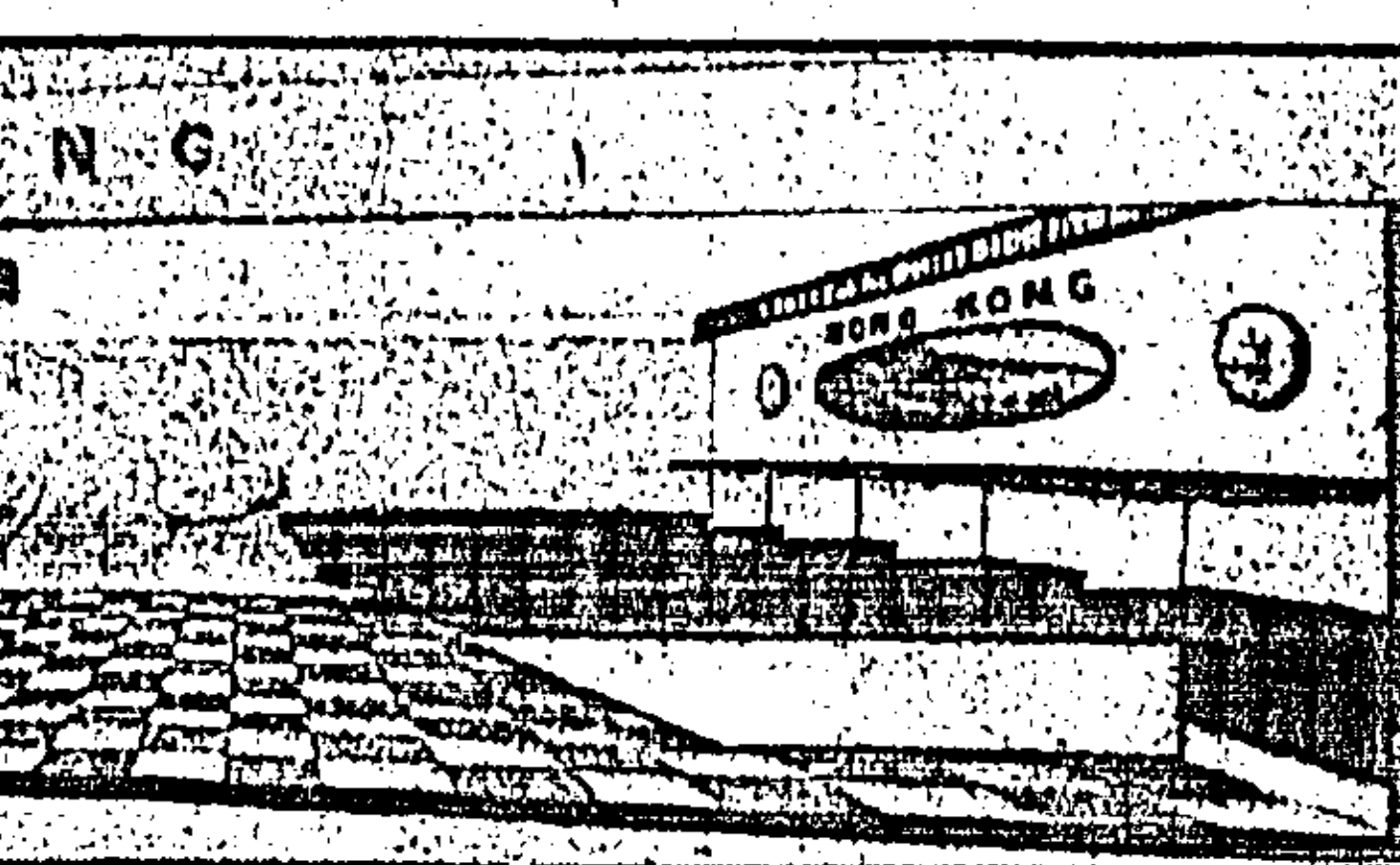
In Nashville, Tennessee, Senator Taft swept 10 of the 20 nomination convention delegates at the State Republican meeting. The 20th delegate to be named at the district meeting in May is also expected to go to him.

Eisenhower backers led the fight for at least one delegate in Nashville, but lost out in the final decision.

Returns from 1,644 of 2,053 precincts in the Nebraska Presidential primary showed: Republican—Mr. Harold Stassen 30,507; Gen. Eisenhower (write-in) 44,412; Senator Taft (write-in) 61,220.

Democratic Primary with 1,628 precincts—Senator Estes Kefauver 40,400; Senator Kerr 32,720.—United Press.

This Year's HK Stand At British Industries Fair



Prehistoric Cemetery

Montpellier, Apr. 2.—A vast prehistoric cemetery containing hundreds of human skeletons has been discovered in a mountain cave near Montpellier, Southern France.

There are signs scribbled on the walls and the bones of prehistoric bears are scattered about.

The discoverers said that they would go back tomorrow with better lighting equipment. —Reuter.

Does Stalin Seek Talks?

Moscow, Apr. 2.—Observers here believe that Marshal Stalin's replies to the American editors' questions make it clear that he is thinking in terms of the highest level talks between the Great Powers.

His message is interpreted as being a bid to Mr. Winston Churchill, the British Prime Minister, and President Truman for such talks.

The observers also think that the Soviet leader timed the release of his answers to influence the present tri-Power exchanges about a German peace treaty.

Special importance is being attached to the coincidence of Mr. Stalin's answers about the peaceful co-existence of Communism and capitalism and the opening here tomorrow of the Moscow economic conference.

The avowed aim of the conference is to promote the idea of expanded trade among all nations despite differences in their economic systems. —Reuter.

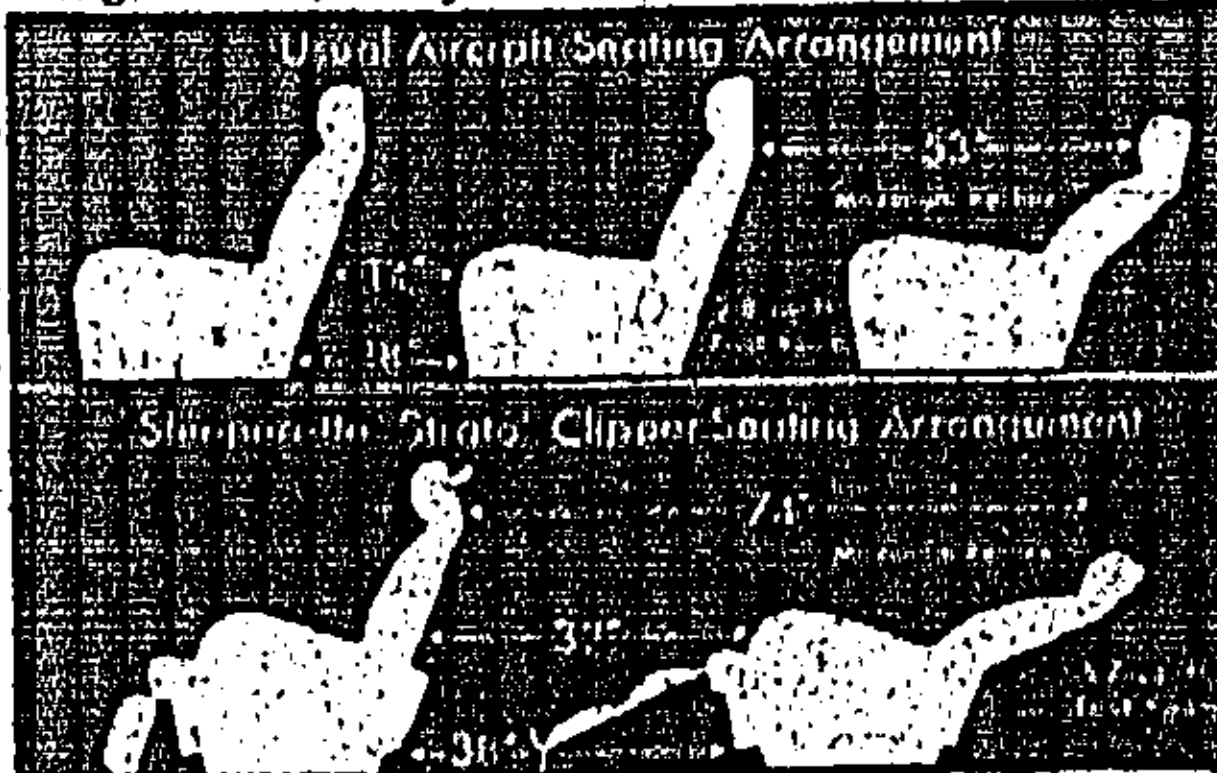
Eden's Broadcast

London, Apr. 2.—It was announced today that the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, will give a 15-minute radio talk to the nation on Saturday night on the subject of Britain's foreign policy.

He will speak on the BBC's Home Service at 9.15 p.m. GMT. —Reuter.

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A Significant Handshake?



This handshake between General Eisenhower (right), Supreme Commander in Europe, and General Gruenther, his second-in-command, may be significant. General Gruenther is tipped to take over "Ike's" job when the latter returns to America to campaign for the Republican presidential nomination.—Express Service.

President Truman Welcomes Queen Juliana To U.S.

Washington, Apr. 2.

Queen Juliana of the Netherlands and Prince Bernhard arrived here by air this afternoon for their State visit which will last a month.

Queen Juliana had to wait 12 minutes before she could start her State visit — for the benefit of television cameras.

The President and Mrs. Truman were waiting at Washington Airport to greet the Royal couple.

But the Royal Dutch Airlines Constellation from Holland was asked to circle the field for 12 minutes while television photographers put the final touches to their cameras.

President Truman welcomed Queen Juliana with the hope that she would have a most pleasant visit in the United States.

The President extended warm personal greetings to the Queen and Prince Bernhard, as they stepped from the airliner.

Mr. Truman hoped that they would go away more friendly than when they arrived.

CROWD OF 200,000

The President said it was a great pleasure, as head of the United States Government, to welcome them to Washington and expressed regret that his daughter, Margaret, was away from the capital on a concert tour and was unable to greet them.

The sun beamed brightly on the airport as President and Mrs. Truman, most of the Cabinet, the Netherlands Ambassador, diplomats, officials and a crowd of about 1,000 witnessed the Royal arrival. The countryside was a beautiful spring scene with trees and flowers in bloom. Across the Potomac River in the city proper a throng of more than 200,000 lined the streets to see the royal visitors.

President Truman was escorted by Secret Service officers through the security guard around the airport which was formed by the Third United States Infantry Regiment. Immediately after the Royal plane had taxied to the ramp, the door was opened by a Dutch aide and Queen Juliana stepped onto the top of a movable staircase which had been placed against the plane.

STATE DINNER

A 21-gun salute was given in her honour by the Field Battery. The gun fired at three-second intervals.

Queen Juliana was given the freedom of the District after short speeches of welcome.

The Marine band, before the motorcade moved off to the White House, stationed itself in front of the motorcade behind the motorcycle police to play the Queen the rest of the way.

At the White House Queen Juliana and the President were photographed as they entered the main porch. Queen Juliana and Prince Bernhard then retired to their

General Agreement In Washington On "Ike's" Report

Washington, Apr. 2.

Congressional Democrats and Republicans of all camps agreed wholeheartedly today with General Eisenhower's warning that the United States cannot long continue its multi-billion dollar foreign aid programme without risking bankruptcy.

But General Eisenhower's political role as a Republican presidential candidate reflected itself in the divided response to other parts of his 12,000-word report on his stewardship as Supreme Commander of the North Atlantic Treaty defences in Europe.

Pro-Eisenhower Congressmen praised the whole report as a masterpiece of statesmanship.

Partisans of Senator Robert Taft took sharp exception to General Eisenhower's veiled criticism of American isolationism.

The House Democratic leader, Mr. John W. McCormack, said that General Eisenhower's report confirms his belief that the General should take off his uniform and come home.

"Eisenhower's position as Supreme Commander and as an active candidate for political nomination at the same time are inconsistent with each other," he said.

"It is unfortunate that under the guise of Supreme Commander or even in uniform Eisenhower should review his position for political reasons," Mr. McCormack added.

Representative George H. Bender, Republican and a leading Taft supporter, bridled at the suggestion that General Eisenhower was shooting at Taft when he referred to "strong voices in America" which were raised in opposition to the Atlantic Pact and the "concept of collective security."

"FEET ON GROUND"

Senator Harry Lodge, Jr., Republican chairman of the Eisenhower-for-President forces, said that the General was "everlastingly right" in wanting more effective allies and "not mere riders on the gravy train."

He added: "No one knows more about developing truly effective allies than General Eisenhower."

Senator Frank Carlson, Republican and another Eisenhower-for-President leader, said that the report showed that the General "has his feet on the ground."

"General Eisenhower agrees with every thinking person that Europe must help herself if she expects more help from us," he added.

Chairman Tom Connally (Democrat) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said that General Eisenhower had made a splendid statement. He said: "Our economy must be kept in mind and considered. We cannot unduly weaken our own country. It must be kept strong and vigorous."

Senator Richard Russell, Democrat and a candidate for the Democratic nomination and Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said: "I think Ike's views are sound and I have held to those views for some time and have expressed them on the floor."

LONDON COMMENT

The influential London Times said today that General Eisenhower's defence report would be regarded as both the last report of the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe and the first public declaration of a candidate for the presidency of the United States.

Many newspapers in London and on the European continent read General Eisenhower's report on the first year of operations of his Supreme Command as his "swan song." They regarded it as a report made in anticipation of a request for relief so that he can go home.

The British Press applauded General Eisenhower for his frankness and modesty and for his belief in European unity.

The influential Manchester Guardian said that General Eisenhower had tactfully avoided

any suggestions regarding future American participation in European defence.

DEBT OF GRATITUDE

"European States may hear some home truths from Mr. Eisenhower which General Eisenhower hesitated to speak in public," the newspaper said, indicating that it believed that General Eisenhower would soon resign as Supreme Commander.

The London Times said that passages of the report should prove salutary to Congress. "Certainly, Europe has, for the second time, a debt of gratitude to pay to an unusual soldier who handles his nations as easily as divisions and has a burning faith in his mission," the Times said.—United Press.

Puzzled By Sertularia Cuprisenea

London, Apr. 2.

Most people have probably never heard of the marine polyp sertularia cuprisenea. It is not a name which springs to mind during a pause in conversation.

Housewives do not put it automatically on their shopping lists. But to the fishermen of Essex the marine polyp sertularia cuprisenea is a very real thing — is real, in fact, that they asked their M.P., Mr. Tom Driberg (Soc. Maind) to talk about it in the House of Commons.

So the magic words were heard for what is believed to be positively the first time in any Parliament, ladies and gentlemen, when Mr. Driberg asked for a statement on the commercial exploitation and export value of ser. cup. (which is probably Bill to his friends, if we did but know).

FOR DOLLARS

Mr. Peter Thornycroft, President of the Board of Trade, unmoved by the incantation, replied: "I think you are referring to a marine animal found in estuarial waters which resembles a small feathery fern. I understand that after drying and dyeing it is used for tumbling millinery and other decorative purposes. I have no information about the export of this commodity."

But evidently that would not satisfy the fishermen in Mr. Driberg's constituency. They have been told there are dollars to be earned in exporting polyp sertularia cuprisenea. They have visualised New York women going wild over pieces of dried and dyed) draped round their hats.

So Mr. Driberg stood up again and said they wanted to know whether it was more in the national interest that they should catch fish or catch polyp (this foreshadowing of the incantation made M.P.s chuckle).

Mr. Thornycroft replied: "I doubt whether a decision would have a dramatic effect on our economy."

Attlee Back Home

London, Apr. 2.

Mr. Clement Attlee, the former Prime Minister, returned to London today after a 35-hour visit to the United States to address the Philadelphia Friendship Commission dinner.

—Reuter.

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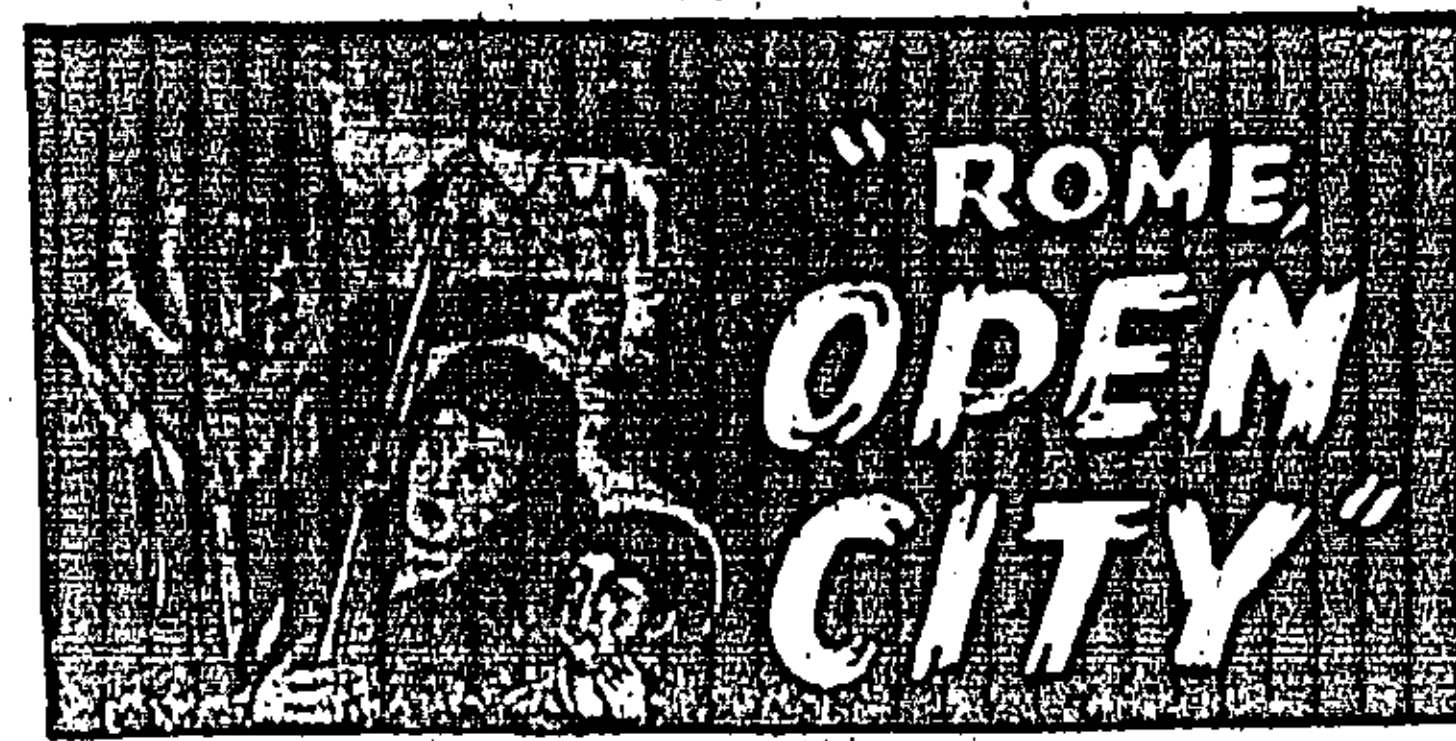
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MP EXPLAINS NEW HUMAN RIGHTS BILL

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Apr. 2.

Mr Fenner Brockway, Labour MP for Eton and Slough, who is to introduce in the House of Commons a private member's bill aiming at the elimination of the colour bar in the Colonies, said at a Press conference tonight that he expects some opposition from Europeans in the Colonies.

The Bill, which will be introduced on April 25, seeks to establish a declaration of human rights—similar to that of the United Nations—and will, if passed, come into force without further legislation by Jan. 1 next year.

The Bill incorporates 28 clauses and would establish a number of freedoms applicable to all Her Majesty's subjects without distinction of race, colour, sex, language, religion, birth or other status.

It is supported by 12 Labour Members of Parliament apart from its sponsor, Mr Brockway. One clause of the Bill makes it illegal for any firm to make discriminatory provision according to race or colour for the payment of different rates of pay for persons performing the same work.

Another forbids that any "natural-born subject of any Colony" be subject to "arbitrary arrest or detention, or order of banishment or of deportation."

"Seretse Khama could not have been deported had this Bill been in effect at that time," explained Mr Leslie Hale, Labour MP for Oldham West, one of the supporters of the Bill.

IN SCHOOLS

This, and a subsequent clause which says that "no sentence shall be imposed by any Governor of any Colony or protectorate or by any court of law or quasi-judicial tribunal except after a public hearing..." is designed to protect Colonial peoples.

Another effect of the Bill would be to forbid observance of the colour bar in schools, universities, hospitals, hotels, transport and railway facilities, shops and places of public entertainment.

Persons of all races, nationalities and creeds would have equal rights to enter or take advantage of these.

Another clause sets out the penalty liable to be incurred by any person infringing the provisions of the Bill as in the case, for example, of a hotel proprietor refusing admission to an African. He would be liable to a fine of £25 or imprisonment for a year on the first conviction and subsequently to a fine of £500 and two years imprisonment.

The Bill also upholds the rights of persons of all races, nationalities and religions to have equal rights of association in trade unions and co-operative movements.

Another clause rules that it shall be unlawful to levy any special tax or poll tax in respect of race, colour or nationality.

The right of all persons to have equal rights of entry into the learned professions, appren-

ticeship and participation in skilled or craft occupations is upheld.

None may be prevented from growing and crop or producing any commodity for reasons of race or colour.

And one of the final clauses provides for the restrictions upon corporal punishment in the United Kingdom to be introduced in the Colonies.

Mr Brockway said today that if the debate in the Commons is cut short by pressure of other business, arrangements will be made to introduce the Bill to the House of Lords "where we have a number of very good friends."

In the House of Commons, he added, they expected to have the support of the Labour and Liberal parties.

U.S. DEMONSTRATION

Johannesburg, Apr. 2.

The South African Indian Congress has announced that the American Congress of Racial Equality will hold a demonstration in New York and other centres in support of the demonstration which the African National Congress and the South African Indian Congress are organising in South Africa on April 6.

The statement added that the New York demonstrators will march to the South African Consulate and that the Council for African Affairs in the United States has called on all Americans to observe a two-minute silence on April 6.—France-Press.

CAIRO RIOTS SEQUEL

Cairo, Apr. 2.

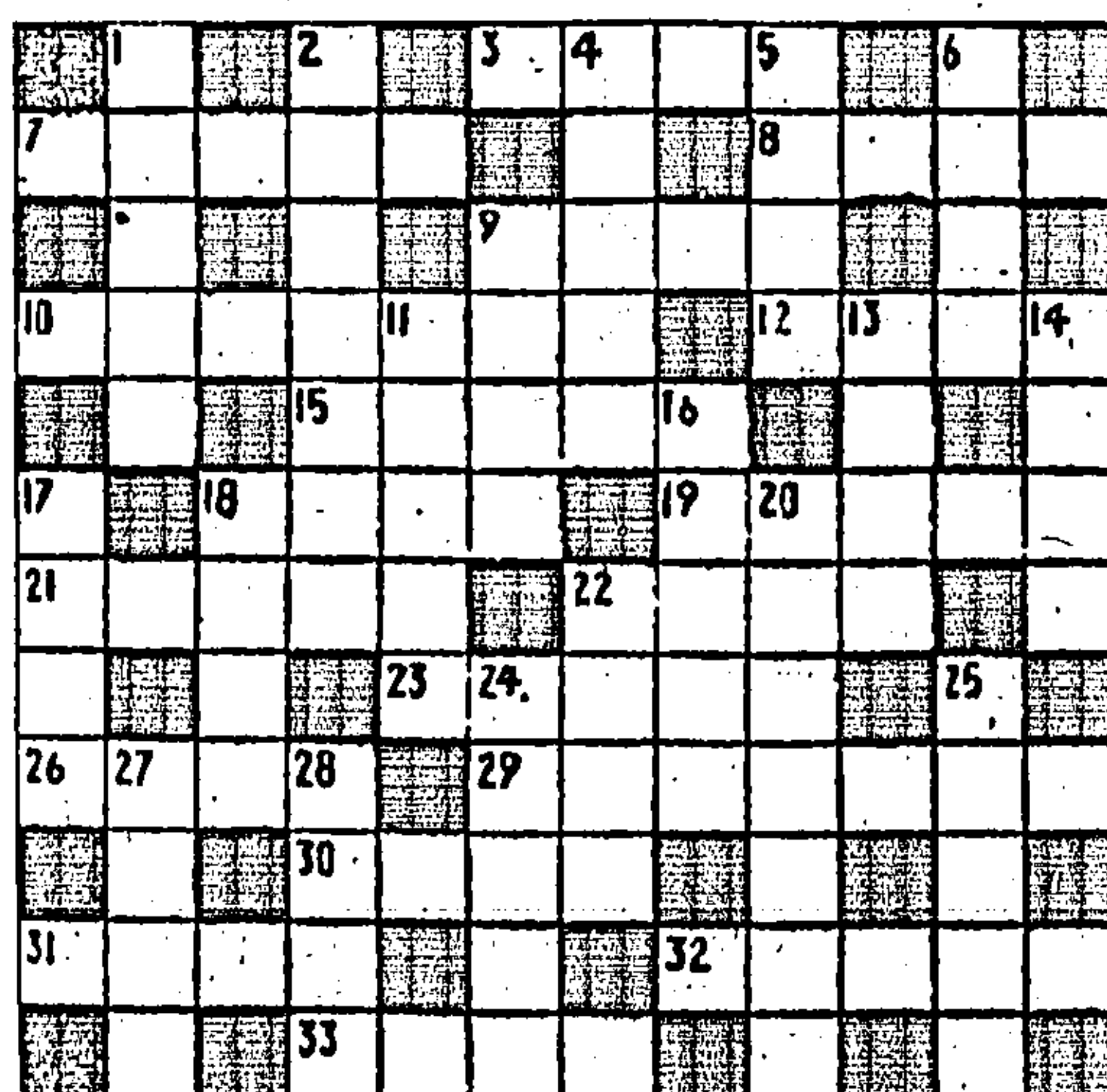
An Egyptian was sentenced to 15 years' hard labour by a Military Court today for having set fire to and pillaged motor showrooms during the January 28 disturbances.

Twenty-one other accused were acquitted.

In the case of a looted grocery, one Egyptian was sentenced to 10 years' hard labour, two to three years' each and three others were acquitted.

The Cairo Supreme Military Court has to date sentenced 63 Egyptians to a total of 477 years' imprisonment with hard labour.—Reuters.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
3 One of two equal parts (4).
7 Long seat (5).
8 Bound (4).
9 Large book (4).
10 Discussions (7).
12 Clever (4).
15 Pierced (5).
18 Microbe (4).
19 Cook (5).
21 Cuts ahead (5).
22 Immores (4).
23 Fruit (5).
24 River craft (4).
25 Warded off (7).
30 Poker stake (4).
31 Rank (4).
32 Scatter (5).
33 Political label (4).

DOWN
1 Tough (5).
2 Lat waste (7).
4 Got up (5).
5 Insect (4).
6 Tumble (4).
9 Period (4).
11 Trunk (5).
13 Prejudice (4).
14 Consumes (4).
16 Impel (5).
17 Applaud (4).
18 Fright (4).
20 Work (7).
22 Plunge (4).
24 Subsequently (5).
25 Insurgent (5).
27 One (4).
28 Sharp (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Splash, 7 Open, 9 Azure, 10 Remit, 11 Pica, 13 Impossible, 15 Edit, 16 Glad, 18 Discovers, 22 Ebon, 24 Erase, 25 Pupil, 26 Veer, 27 Murder, 29 Down: 2 Plump, 3 Abets, 4 Hornet, 5 Complete, 6 Mete, 8 Piled, 12 Aired, 13 Ingle, 14 Ordinary, 17 More, 18 Scream, 20 Viper, 21 Ruff, 23 Bess.

PREPARING FOR JUNGLE TREK



A party of RAF men prepare for a trek through the Borneo jungle to test survival equipment under actual conditions of use. The cushion type survival pack, here being examined, consists of gloves, spare socks, jungle hat, mosquito net, waterproof cloth water-bottle, water-purifying tablets, compass, sewing kit, pack-flat cooker, first aid; signal flares, insect repellent, tin of concentrated food ration, fishing equipment and miniature jungle machete.—Express Service.

Socialist Parties To Emphasise Functions Of UN

London, Apr. 2.

Scandinavian delegates will tell Socialist leaders from 15 countries here tomorrow that the United Nations must not lose its function as an East-West negotiating forum in spite of the present emphasis on collective security.

The Norwegian Labour Party spokesman, Finn Moe, will stress this point when he reports on the work of the United Nations to the Executive Council of the Socialist International.

The International, a grouping of 32 Social Democratic Parties with a combined membership of 10,000,000, is re-examining its attitude to the United Nations during a three-day meeting here.

Finn Moe, who is the leader of the Norwegian Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee and was Chairman of the United Nations Political Committee in 1948, will also insist on the need to extend aid to underdeveloped countries.

He regards this as the most important task of the United Nations, he said today.

Only the United Nations was capable of giving such assistance, he added.

The Executive will also consider problems connected with the Council of Europe, the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, rearmament in general and the rearmament of Germany in particular.

Socialist parties in Britain, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Holland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and Spanish exiles will be represented.—Reuters.

LONDON MEETING

London, Apr. 2.

The Foreign Affairs Committee of the Parliamentary Labour Party meets at the House of Commons tomorrow to discuss Soviet Russia's proposals for a unified Germany.

It is also expected to review the questions of arming West Germany and British participation in a European army.

The Committee's views will eventually be submitted to a final meeting of Labour Members of Parliament. But the Party is under no obligation to adopt them as official policy.

No final decisions on foreign policy are likely to be taken either by the National Executive—the Party's top policy committee—or by the Parliamentary Party, until after the outcome of the Socialist International meeting has been thoroughly discussed.

A statement of Labour's foreign policy is now being prepared by the Foreign Affairs Sub-Committee of the National Executive.

Its completion and publication are expected to be postponed for several weeks. By that time, it is hoped, the issues in Europe will have become more clearly defined.—Reuters.

Fell Into Basement

Glasgow, Apr. 2.

Firemen used special tactics to rescue Thomas Gifford, of Combridge, who was injured in a fall into a basement area of a large office building today. He was taken to the infirmary on the fire engine.—Reuters.

London Conference On Trieste Issue Opens Today Mr. Eden's Assurance

London, Apr. 2.

America and Britain will ask for a full statement of Italian wishes at the opening of the three-Power talks here tomorrow on the administration of the Anglo-American Zone of the Trieste Free Territory, diplomatic quarters said tonight.

The Zone, including the city of Trieste, is predominantly Italian in character and is smaller than the zone under the Yugoslav Military Government.

The scope of the talks, due to be held at the Foreign Office and expected to end before Easter, will cover the possibility of the association of Italy more closely with the local administration of the area without affecting the question of its internal status or relation to the Yugoslav-administered zone.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, gave an assurance in the House of Commons today that Yugoslavia, unrepresented at the talks, would be kept informed of any progress.

Mr. Eden assured the House that the talks would be limited absolutely to the Anglo-American zone's administrative problem.

The British Military Governor in Trieste, General Sir John Winterton, who returned to London yesterday to be on hand if needed, will not attend the conference but his views will be an important influence on the British delegation.

Sir John reported to Mr. Eden yesterday and today he called at the War Office.

BELGRADE REASSURED

As the man ultimately responsible for law and order in the Zone he is believed to feel that his effective authority would be seriously impaired by a decision to give control of the Zone to the Italian authorities.

The conference, it was emphasised in the House of Commons today, was in no way concerned with the international status of the Trieste territory.

Consequently, the British Government does not consider that its proceedings should occasion alarm in Yugoslavia.

Yesterday, when the Yugoslav Government made moves both in Belgrade and London to reaffirm its interest in any change in the international status of the Zone, Mr. Eden told the Yugoslav Ambassador to Britain, M. Joset Briet, that Yugoslavia would be kept informed of the proceedings.

British officials do not expect that the question of Italy formally taking part in the occupation of Zone A is likely to arise in the London conference.—Reuters.

Treaty Ratified

The Hague, Apr. 2.

The Netherlands Chamber of Deputies ratified the Japanese Peace Treaty today. Voting was 58 votes to nine.—France-Press.

AMERICA'S ATOMIC ADVANTAGE

Chicago, Apr. 2.

All American Air Force combat planes are or will be equipped to carry atomic weapons, according to the Air Secretary, Mr. Thomas Finletter.

He said here last night that America would be the only power able to use such weapons in battle or in strategic counterattacks far behind the front in a war.

He told a banquet of radio pioneers that Russia could throw about 10,000 planes into a Battle of Europe. (The Western Allies are scheduled to have 4,000 planes by the end of this year).

American aircraft production would reach current Soviet rates in 1953, Mr. Finletter said, but Russia would have the numerical advantage of planes accumulated since the war, he added.

(The Soviets had great potentialities for making atomic weapons and were putting a great part of their national effort into it.—Reuters.)

Thaw Leads To Floods In America

Chicago, Apr. 2.

Spring floods, fed by melting snow and breaking ice jams, spread from Montana to Wisconsin yesterday, forcing at least 2,000 persons from their homes.

Warm weather following a spell of rain sent small streams spilling over their banks in Montana, Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Melting snow also raised water levels in Indiana, Ohio, Kansas and elsewhere.

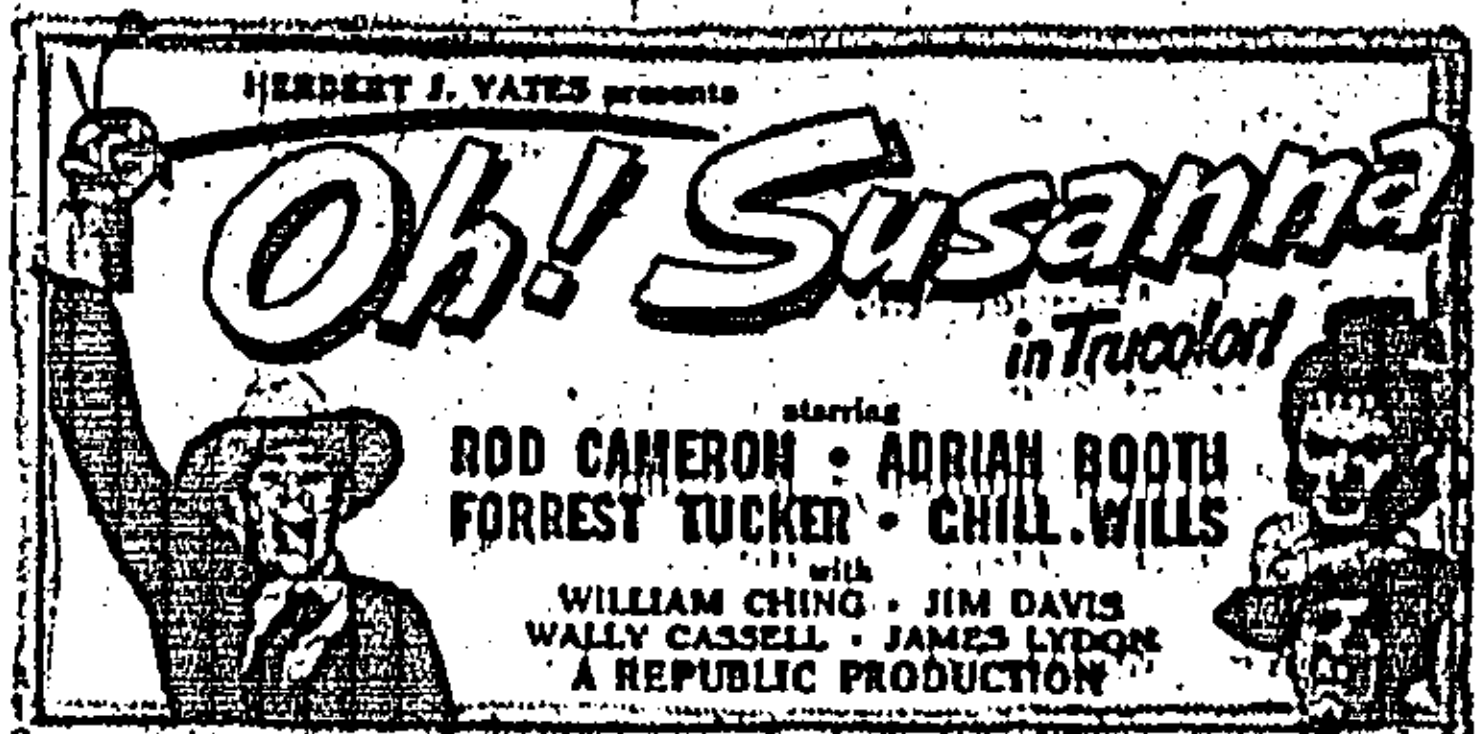
The worst flood struck the small town of Havre, Montana, where a three-foot wall of water poured over nearby Fresno Dam, covering from 50,000 to 100,000 acres.

About 1,500 residents were driven from their homes. Five planes flew over the flooded area to determine whether ice jams in the Milk River and Big Sandy Creek should be dynamited.—United Press.

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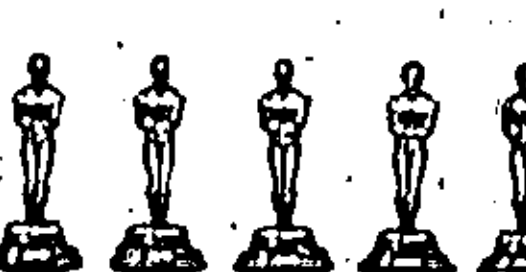
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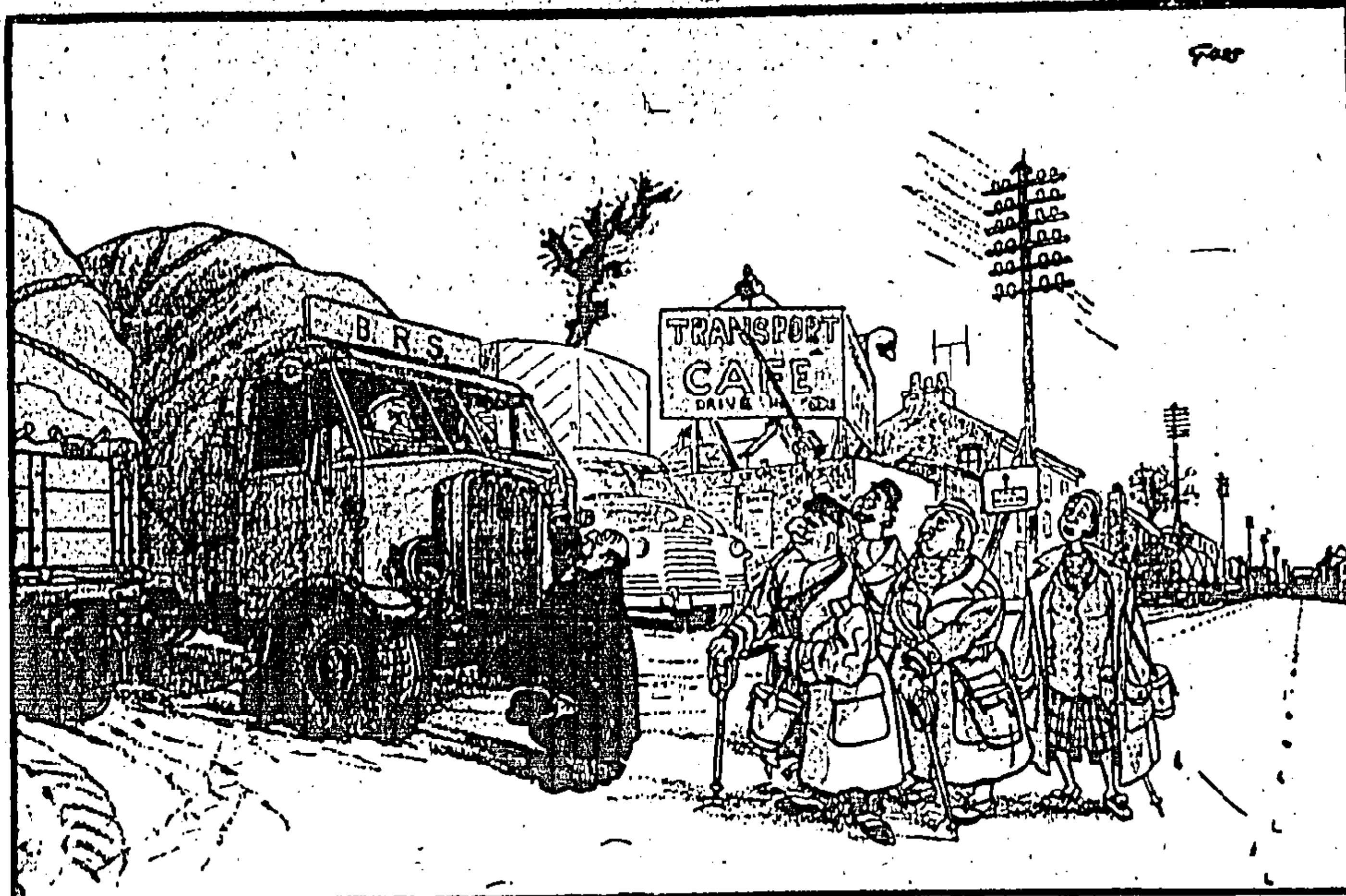
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DON HEDDON'S DIARY

Lots of Dark Horses in this Presidential Race

Washington. WHEN the lift door slid open at the second floor of the Mayflower Hotel here I saw the big sign "Russell for President Headquarters."

A man and a woman, laden with campaign literature, got into the lift, bumping against me. I said: "Russell for President? Don't tell me Bertrand Russell is running in this election too."

The woman laughed, but the man turned and said: "That's not funny—Senator Russell is a very important contender."

It just goes to show that you have to visit Washington occasionally to find out what's going on. In New York, or New Hampshire for that matter, I never heard the name mentioned, but here in the capital Senator Richard Brevard Russell, from Georgia, is very much in the Presidential Race.

All ready to run

SO is Senator Robert Kerr, of Oklahoma, and Governor Adlai Stevenson, of Illinois, and Supreme Court Justice William Douglas, and Smith, Jones, Brown, and Robinson.

Who isn't running? The liftman, and he is running the elevator.

There is an entire pack of Democratic candidates ranging the capital, ready to leap. Practically every State in the Union is offering its favourite son, and the confusion is considerable.

There are Presidential headquarters in most of the hotels here and the "unknown" of today may be a national candidate tomorrow.

I said to one of Russell's backers: "Won't it be difficult to put your man across—there must be millions of Americans who've never heard of him." And he said: "Dick Russell is flying high in Georgia and could soon be flying high all over the country. Remember, Wendell Willkie was unknown up to three or four months before he got the Republican nomination."

So you have to be prepared for a man whose name is now completely unfamiliar to you being struck by the political lightning. Anything can happen in this Presidential election campaign, and almost everything is happening.

The Republican battle lines are much more clearly drawn than the Democratic since the Eisenhower dam burst and most of the other contenders took to the hills.

I went along to the Eisenhower headquarters in the Shoreham Hotel to attend a Press conference called by the

general's chief manager, Senator Henry Cabot Lodge. This conference was held in the terrace ballroom of the hotel and was more like a mass meeting in the Albert Hall than a Press "answer and question" session.

Full of confidence

THERE were hundreds of people milling about a dozen newscast and television cameras, and on the platform were Senator Lodge, Paul Hoffman (just back from talking to Eisenhower in Paris), and a group of other Eisenhower backers. Lodge, in a grey flannel suit and sporting a striped tie and white tie, looked very much like Errol Flynn and was obviously as pleased with himself as Flynn has ever been.

There were two gigantic pictures of a beaming Eisenhower and the inevitable placards, "We Like Ike."

Lodge stood up and talked a lot. He did not talk about principles or policies or ideals. He talked about Eisenhower being a winner.

"With Eisenhower we have the best chance of winning. He's a vote-getter, he has an attractive personality, he can win, he will win."

I realised then the old political truth that the best argument you can advance for any candidate is to stress that he can and will win.

One reporter murmured something about the Madison Square Garden rally—too much ballyhoo, too many film stars.

Just good politics

LODGE smiled and said: "Maybe, I was a Shakespeare. Maybe the dramatic critics didn't like it; but, let me tell you, it went over big—it was good politics."

Wherever I've been around and about the capital these past few days I have kept hearing what is good politics and what is bad politics. Politics obviously mean more than policies in Washington.

I went to a cocktail party and after being introduced three times to the Cuban Ambassador, twice to the Greek Ambassador, and hearing assorted Senators prove why Russell or Kerr, Stevenson, Douglas, Smith, Jones, Brown, and Robinson was bound to win the nomination, I sank back exhausted on a sofa next to an attractive Frenchwoman.

She didn't talk politics. She talked about England and France, of fashions and accents, of gins and limes, and it was only afterwards I realised I had been talking and listening to Mme. Bonnet, wife of the French Ambassador.

Monsieur and Mme. Bonnet are very popular in the capital. They move about a lot, do a great deal of entertaining and being entertained, and they serve France well.

Of course, the big impression here and elsewhere is that the Eisenhower tide is in full flood and the Taft tide is ebbing. I saw one Taft supporter looking

over a little pamphlet which read: "Vote for Senator Taft, the enemy of graft; draft him, wait him into the White House. Who? Who else, but Taft?" and then sadly tear it up.

But this reference to graft is significant. There is a great deal of talk here about graft and there's a great deal of graft.

Best-selling book here, even more sought-after than Mr. Truman's own "Mr. President," is a thick volume entitled "How to Get Rich in Washington." It is by Blair Bolles, a talented journalist.

Bolles asserts, and scarcely anyone denies, that the capital is shot through with bribery and corruption. He names names and cites facts and figures.

Bolles says the present system is "Government of the people by corruption for the privileged." He says the Washington slogan is "Enrich yourselves" and he damns the wholesale "democratisation of corruption."

Revelations of racial dealings such as are listed in Bolles's book and others have done the Democratic Party great harm. No one could be more honest than President Truman and his Cabinet; but lower down there is leprosy and scandal.

How the money goes

NOW, perhaps, one can understand why the crusader against crime, Senator Estes

Kefauver, is winning more and more public support.

A casual visitor to Washington such as myself sees only the rich facade. Hotels, clubs, lounges, restaurants, and cinemas are thronged with well-dressed men and women with apparently the money to burn the candle at both ends.

The capital rides on an ocean of dollars fathomless deep. Where does all the money come from? In the "Carlton cocktail lounge" I asked a man who insisted upon telling me his life story. He looked surprised, rattled the ice in his highball glass ("Fill 'em up again, waiter") and said: "Why, from the Government of course. There's billions of dollars lying around Washington. What do you think all these guys you see around are here for?"

I said: "But, great grief, the money comes from taxes, doesn't it?"

Danger to others

THE man turned his swizzle stick slowly among the ice cubes and whisky and said: "Yeah, you're right; but if you thought too much about that you'd go crazy."

I recommended Mr. Blair Bolles's book to him and left. I recommend it to all Washingtonians, Americans, and members of the Atlantic Alliance for that matter. "How to Get Rich in Washington" could be entitled "How the United States Can Go Broke."

And if that happened, believe me, the free world would go broke too.

THE LAST OF THE SERJEANTS

Sullivan, Q.C., hits out
at the cost of justice.



AS A BAR student 20 years ago, my favourite activity was to cross the Strand from the Temple to the Law Courts and listen to the cases being tried there.

The first time I went into court as a spectator I noticed a tall, bearded figure who sat in the front row with the other King's Counsel, spoke with a charming Irish brogue and, unlike his colleagues, wore a wig with a round piece of black silk attached to it.

The piece of silk denoted the wearer's peculiar rank at the Bar—that of serjeant-at-law. The advocate who captivated my attention was Serjeant Sullivan whose memoirs have just been published.

He was the last of his kind to practise at the English Bar. The serjeants formerly were an order of the highest rank of barristers. But after the fusion of the various old courts into the High Court of Justice in 1873, no more serjeants were appointed in England.

It was otherwise in Ireland, where they were seen in the courts until the creation of the Irish Free State in 1922.

Serjeant Sullivan, who had been appointed while at the Irish Bar, found it impossible to continue practice in Ireland during the troubled period which preceded the final break with England. At the age of 50 he came to London and started practice anew.

Alexander Martin Sullivan was the son of A. M. Sullivan, an Irish Nationalist MP. He was brought up in New York, where as a youth he worked on newspapers and married a Brooklyn girl.

He returned to Ireland in 1892 to be called to the Irish Bar and to practice there with considerable success for more than a quarter of a century.

In Limelight

One of his stories concerns a Recorder of Cork who went in for Latin quotations.

"Mr. Barry," said the Recorder on one occasion, "has your client never heard the maxim sic utere tuo alienum non laedas?"

"Not a day passes, your honour, on which he does not hear it," replied the imperturbable counsel. "It is the sole topic of conversation where he lives at the top of Musher Mountain."

Until 1918 Serjeant Sullivan was virtually unknown in England. In that year he came prominently into the limelight through his spirited and ingenious defence of Sir Roger Casement on a charge of high treason at the Old Bailey.

Casement had been landed in a German submarine at a wild spot on the west coast of Ireland on the eve of the Sinn Féin rising in Easter week.

Serjeant Sullivan asserts that, far from coming to promote rebellion, Casement's mission was designed to stop it.

Serjeant Sullivan also comments on Casement's private diary, which fell into the

hands of the British authorities and showed that he was addicted to homosexual practices. The diary was not in evidence at the trial and, though it was offered for his inspection by the Home Office, Serjeant Sullivan declined to read it.

Serjeant Sullivan reveals for the first time that the Attorney-General F. E. Smith (later Lord Birkenhead), who was in charge of the prosecution in the Casement trial, was anxious that the leading defence counsel should plead guilty but insane on behalf of his client. The serjeant held the view that there was no insanity and that to attempt to give the Crown an excuse for reviving the case was a betrayal of the accused. And so the law took its course and Casement was hanged.

Too Expensive

Besides describing many of his cases in both countries, Serjeant Sullivan has some pertinent things to say about the administration of English justice.

In his view it is still far too expensive. Irish justice, he says, was, and still is, about one-fifth the cost of English justice though largely identical in practice. He also thinks English law is too technical and archaic, and he is by no means happy about the state of the law of evidence. He dislikes the habit of two or more accused persons being tried together when, of course, evidence against one is legally not evidence against the other. But the jury did it very difficult to dismiss it from their minds when arriving at a verdict.

Jovial Criminal

The most jovial and attractive criminal with whom Serjeant Sullivan ever came in contact was the financier Ernest Terah Hooley. He told how a young man who had parted with £22,000 for one of Hooley's bogus ventures called at the financier's fine country house near Derby, determined to get his money back.

The financier invited the visitor to come in and have some lunch, which he did. He was also given several glasses of wine. When the young man left he had parted with a further £3,000. Hooley thought this was a huge joke and laughed uproariously when the story was later put to him in the witness-box.

Serjeant Sullivan has retired from the Bar and lives in Dublin. By the legal profession in this country the last of the serjeants is remembered for his kindness, gaiety, wit, courage and good fellowship.

The Last Serjeant (Macdonald, 21s.)

RUSSIA'S GERMAN POLICY

London.

The most important

event in recent international politics has been, beyond question, the Soviet suggestions for a German peace-treaty and her acceptance for the first time of the principle of a national German army.

Until now, those who knew Russia best had constantly said that the Russians did not really fear aggression from the Americans, the British or the French. The one thing which Russia really feared, the one thing that might send them to war, they asserted, was a German rearmament.

The Kremlin knows, we were told, that a rearmament Germany will attack them; that such a Germany could have no ambition except to obtain a revision of the Oder-Neisse frontier.

Therefore, the argument would run in the Kremlin, "let us attack Germany before she rearmaments, as Germany is certainly going to attack us after she has rearmament."

There, we were told, lay the one real danger of immediate war in the West.

Certainly it is true that the Russians gave every evidence that they feared the rearmament of Germany much more than they feared anything else in the West.

By CHRISTOPHER HOLLIS, MP

Why then have they suddenly come round to this support? The reason seems to be that, with the collapse of French opposition to German rearmament and with American demand for it, they have decided that German rearmament cannot be prevented.

That being so, they must try, as the lesser evil, to direct rearmament in a way that damages them as little as possible.

The Lisbon Conference has given them an opportunity. For the Lisbon Conference has made the fatal mistake of offering Germany rearmament—but only on condition that she accept an inferior status. She is offered an army, she is offered membership of the European Defence Community, but she is refused membership of the truly directing body, N.A.T.O. Reason for this lies in the belief that Germany has revisionist ambitions to regain her lost eastern territories and that no country with revisionist ambitions can be a member of N.A.T.O.

Dr. Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, is a man who is a friend of the West on religious and moral principles.

If Adenauer should submit a treaty based on the present Lisbon decisions to the German people and Parliament it is likely, whether it obtains a majority or not, to arouse violent hostility. And it is certain that the nationalistic forces which demand rearmament, but demand it on a condition of absolute equality, will gain popularity and Dr. Adenauer will lose it.

On Stalin's part it is an astute move to offer the Germans rearmament and equality on condition that they break with the Atlantic Treaty Powers. For the Western nations are, in any event, not prepared to admit them to full partnership.

It is true that if a German army should be built on these principles, Russia, to keep Germany's friendship, would have eventually to make a deal with Germany in a Fifth Partition of Poland.

Of this the Russians are doubtless well aware and it is a price that they will have to pay to get their hands on the necessary. The Western Allies, if they wish to counter the Russian move, will have to revise the Lisbon decisions so as to admit Germany to full membership of

N. A. T. O. A half-alliance is an impossible compromise.

After the experience of two world wars, there is much to be said for the thesis that there should be no German rearmament and that Germans should never be allowed to be soldiers again.

But to prevent a German resurrection, it was necessary for the Western Allies and Russia to remain united. Even if this was not possible, the subject of German rearmament could perhaps have been kept outside discussion altogether.

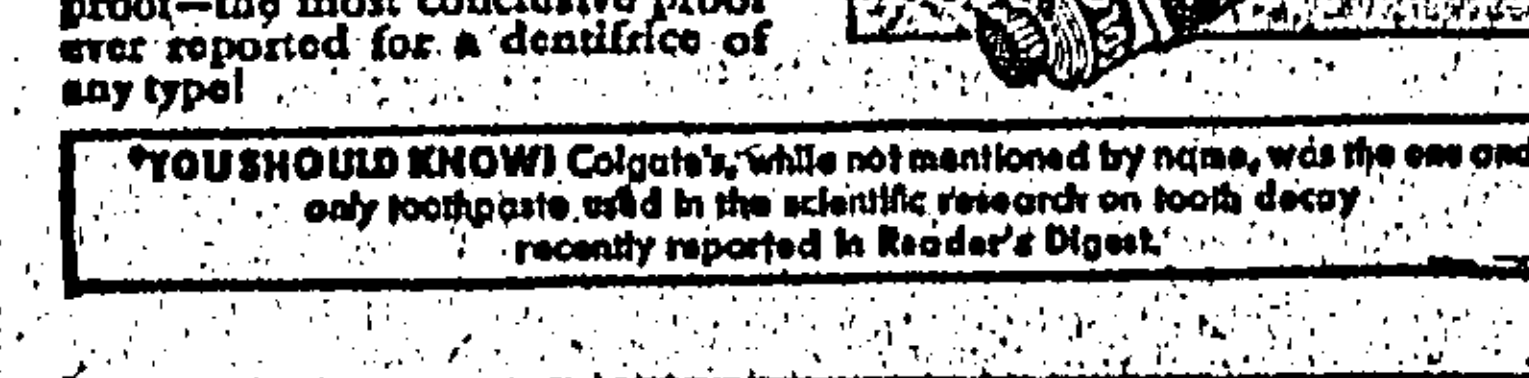
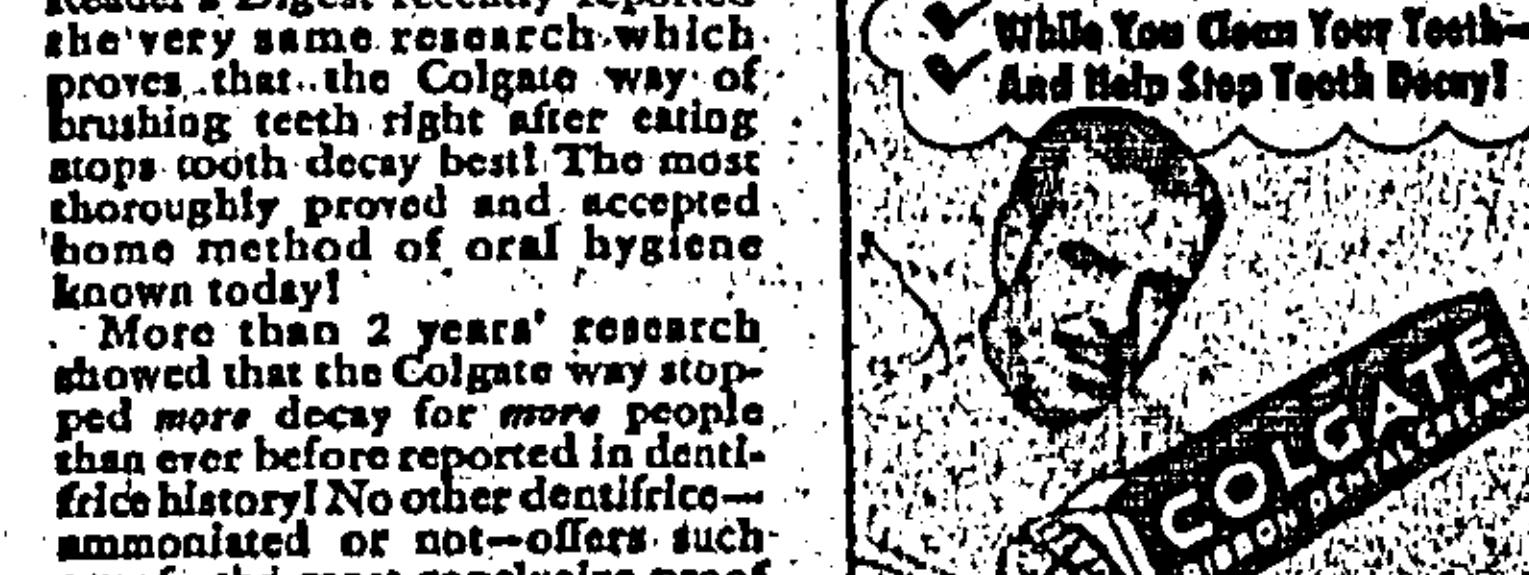
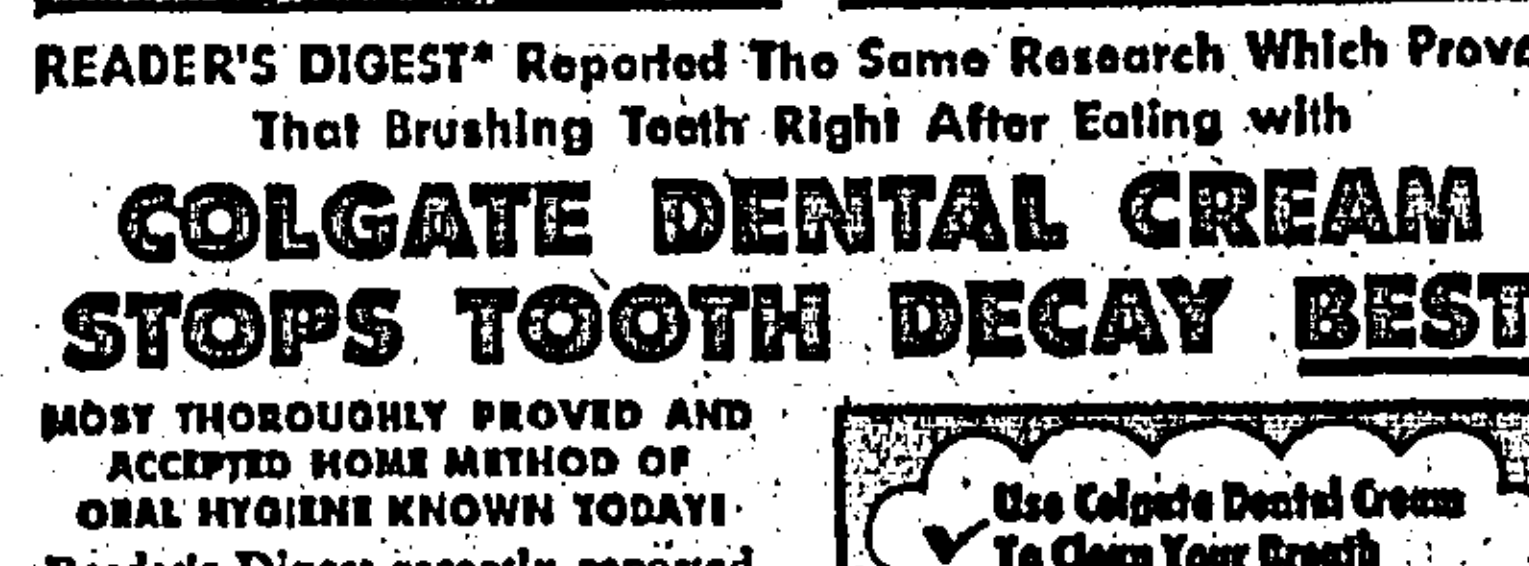
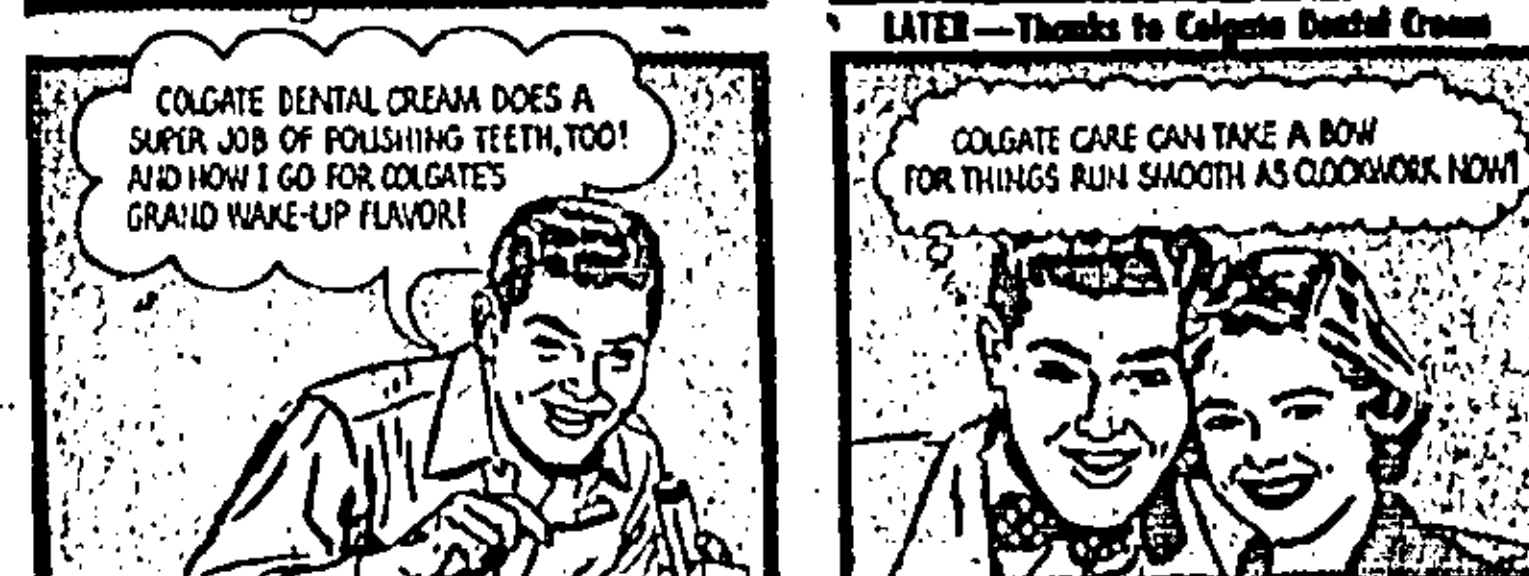
Now, however, the Western Powers have allowed things to go so far that they have lost any moral right to term German rearmament as immoral, and without moral right such a policy can never hope to succeed.

That being so, the only policy for the West is now to reconcile themselves to the fact that German rearmament is inevitable and to hope that rearmament takes place under "good" Germans rather than "bad."

There are already German Germans sincerely devoted to the Western cause. Dr. Adenauer is one.

The Western Powers would be well advised to do business with Dr. Adenauer, being very certain that if they do not, they will have to do business with some much less pleasant German leader.

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"I just couldn't go steady with her any longer on what I'm making."

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

"MAN Bites Lion," said the headline, and I read no further, wishing to keep my illusions. My psychological bureau tells me that this might happen if a man, lazily connecting lions with biting, got the thing the wrong way round, and bit instead of being bitten. I am referred, by Professor Muddelheim, of Uppala, to the case of a circus performer with a split personality. His job was to put his head in the lion's mouth. One day he put the lion's head in his own mouth, or as much of it as would fit comfortably. The beast was so astounded that it slowly withdrew its head and stared at the man in embarrassed surprise.

Twenty Years of Upnor

AN inquiry about the doping of opera singers, to make them faster, recalls to me an occasion when somebody tampered with Emilia Rucchiuzzi's bucket of champagne before she went on to sing Soldanello. The diva sang and sang. Nobody else got a chance. Dimpling about the stage like a little boulder, she roared arias from a dozen operas. The other singers left the stage, the orchestra stopped playing, there were protests from the wings, but still that mound of melody continued to assault the welkin.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

BORN today, you have joyous high spirits, enthusiasm, and a kindly and sympathetic disposition which makes you a good friend to all, especially in your youth. However, as experience gives you more adult ways of life, you will find that your spontaneity and become more calculating and matter-of-fact. Curb your natural impulses, one of the phases which all of you, born under this star, need to go through, if each is to reach heights to which your natural talents should take you.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20): Pay a visit to someone who is convalescing from a long illness and bring cheer. TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21): Some pleasant recreation is necessary for everyone. Take time out from work to relax. GEMINI (May 22-June 21): Improve your personal appearance and your surroundings to give your morale a lift. CANCER (June 22-July 21): Light fiction can be thoroughly relaxing. Give your mind off minor anxieties. LEO (July 22-Aug. 23): Don't start a new project without getting fully detailed information regarding it. VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23): A newcomer into the community should be welcomed. Plan a home dinner party. LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23): Tact and diplomacy will avoid offending a business associate. Be as polite as possible.

INTELLIGENCE TEST

Borcham's family tree

by T. O. HARE

"Talking of birthdays," said Borcham, "there have been some odd coincidences in my family." "Really?" said Captain Stoney, who hoped to touch Borcham for a favor. "My great-grandfather, my father, myself, and my son, were all born on the 13th of the month," said Borcham. "And what is more, in successive months. My great-grandfather in January; my great-grandfather in February; and so on." "So your boy was born in June?" said Stoney intelligently. "Correct," said Borcham. "And here's the second coincidence. The year in which my kid was born was the square of my then age in years. The year in which my father was born was the square of my grandfather's then age in years. And the year in which my great-grandfather was born was the square of my great-grandfather's then age in years. Amazing, don't you think so far?" "Fascinating," said Captain Stoney. "What was the date of birth of Borcham's great-grandfather?"

(Solution on Page 10)

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Hand Dictates Way To Play a Suit

NORTH (D) 13
♠ 843
♥ QJ
♦ A
♣ A Q J 10 6 2

WEST
♠ A 10 7 6 2
♥ K Q J 5 2
♦ 6 3 2
♣ 7

EAST
♠ Q 8
♥ A J 10 7 3
♦ J 10 8 4
♣ K 9 5

SOUTH
♠ K J 9
♥ A 10 6
♦ K Q 7 5
♣ 8 4 3

North-South vul.
1 ♠ Pass 2 N.T. Pass
3 N.T. Pass 4 ♠ Pass
Opening lead—♠ 6

By OSWALD JACOBY

AS I have pointed out once or twice in this column, the right way to play a particular suit very often depends on the nature of the entire hand. The point is illustrated in today's hand.

West opened the six of spades. East put up the queen, and South thought instantly before making his play. If he considered the spade suit all by itself, the best course was to win with the king. Later on, perhaps, his jack-ten would produce a second spade trick.

Because of the nature of the entire hand, however, South played the nine of spades at the first trick. This play limited him to one spade trick.

East returned a spade, whereupon West took the ace of spades and cleared the suit by leading a third round. Now, however, South could take the club finesse in safety. Whenever East won the king of clubs he would be forced to lead a spade.

East actually refused the first club trick, hoping South would commit a blunder. He was right. Declarer avoided the trap by taking the ace and king of diamonds before trying the club finesse again.

Now East had to take his king. He returned a heart, but South went up with the heart ace to cash the queen of diamonds and run the rest of the clubs.

It is easy to see that South would have landed in the soup if he had won the first spade trick. East would have won a club trick and returned a spade. South would have had to win the first spade trick. With this set-up, the club finesse would keep East out but might allow West to win a trick. South would be safe against West if he kept the jack-nine of spades; but the point of the hand was that he was not safe against East with that holding.

CROSSWORD

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3. Prominent chin (5)
4. New-year's custom (3)
5. A fat cat (7)
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Dependable And Smart



Sheer wool daytime dress.

By VERA WINSTON

THE good dress, marked for casual wear, is a dependable standby, since for most of us, the daytime is a busy, workaday period, with dress-up delights reserved for after five. But still this model is nice enough to attend a luncheon or a committee meeting, when such events present themselves. Fashioned of pastel sheer wool, it has short sleeves, and a casual turned-back collar above an elongated pocket, which is spiked by a large jewelled pin. Flapped pockets are at the hips of the trouser-draped slim skirt.

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WOMANSENSE



Modern Table Settings Add To Interest Of Food We Eat

IDA BAILEY ALLEN

"IT looks very nice to set the table entirely with dishes that match, but I think it's much more interesting to combine dishes of different colours and material. What do you think, Chef?"

"Out, Madame, that is one reason why, in France, we use the brown pottery marmalade for serving onion soup; pottery casseroles for main dishes and ragouts; and glass dishes in silver holders for fruit compotes and desserts."

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Slim Look For Thick Ankles

By HELEN FOLLETT

ANKLES, "trim and slender, like a faun's," under portion of the leg from knee to ankle. Pick up the flesh, roll and pinch it. By that means you will cause adipose tissue to dissolve.

Don't fancy that a pre-eston change act will occur overnight or even in a few weeks. Fat cells have been a long time forming; they have banked up into solid masses, and they are as stubborn as all getout.

Miss Skinny is usually thin all over. Besides lifting up and down on the toes to strengthen the muscles, she should endeavour to put some fat on her ribs.

This can be done by adding a dish of hot cereal with sugar and cream to the breakfast menu, by drinking a quart of rich milk a day, getting eight hours' sleep every night.

Antibiotics Used To Treat Plants

WASHINGTON — Antibiotics may some day be used against plant diseases as effectively as they now are used against human ailments, according to Agriculture Department scientists.

Experiments at the Beltsville, Md., research centre have opened up a new approach to control of plant diseases caused by bacteria, fungi, and viruses. Scientists warn, however, that much more work is needed before any antibiotics can be recommended for practical disease control on farms.

In greenhouse experiments, Beltsville researchers applied minute amounts of 12 antibiotics as a thin layer of paste to stems of black valentine bean seedlings. The plants were then inoculated with halo blight organism, a bacterial disease of beans.

None of the seedlings treated with one antibiotic—streptomycin sulfate—developed symptoms of the disease and only slight infection occurred in seedlings injected with two other antibiotics. Marked symptoms appeared in untreated plants and those treated with nine other antibiotics.—United Press.

FINISHING TOUCH



By ALICE AIDEN

"THE SCARE has undergone a transformation" for the new clothes. Now it is huge, or it is small, pleated and wing-tipped, it is fashioned of exquisite silks in various weaves, gilt metal threaded, and printed or hand-screened in all sorts of designs and colour combinations. So it isn't at all astonishing to see the scare used for changing costumes, acting as a dressy apron, a bodice or gilet. Here the scare spends a quiet evening at home, adding colourful beauty to a lounging robe. It is a Schiaparelli creation in grey with a bold black design, and is worn pulled through the belt.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

The Bunglers And The Clocks

—When They Stopped, It Was Always Lunchtime!

By MAX TRELL

"NOW as I've often told you," Mr Punch said to Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, "the Bunglers of Bungletown were the best natured people in the world. They never tried to hurt anybody—or any animal. On the contrary they were as kind as anyone could be. They had only one trouble."

Knarf and Hanid both knew what the trouble with the Bunglers of Bungletown was. But they both asked: "What was their trouble, Mr Punch?"

Had No Brains

"Their trouble," replied Mr Punch, "was that they had no brains."

"None at all?" demanded Hanid.

"Well, just the least little bit of brains. But hardly enough to amount to anything. No one would ever call a Bungler smart. And most folks would call them stupid. And that reminds me of the story which I call:

"The Bunglers and the Clocks"

"You see," continued Mr Punch after he had taken several puffs on his pipe, "the Bunglers never bothered to carry watches, because it was always so much trouble for them to keep remembering to wind them. And, furthermore, they were always dropping them, or sitting on them, or forgetting where they had put them when they went to bed, or just losing them. So they gave up carrying them altogether."

"Then how did they tell time?" Knarf wanted to know.

"That's just it," said Mr Punch. "They were worried about telling the time. For without knowing the time they wouldn't know when to get up in the morning, when to go to work or to school, when to eat dinner and when to go to bed."

"Fortunately," Mr Punch went on, "they had two large clocks in Bungletown. One was on the tower of their City Hall, and the second one was on the steeple of their church. And one of the old men Bunglers had the duty of keeping both these clocks always wound up so that they would always tell the correct time."

"And what happened?" Hanid said, for she was positive that something did.

"Well, one fine day the old Bungler who was supposed to keep the two clocks wound up, got tired of winding them and went away somewhere where he couldn't be found. So after a few hours both the clocks gradually stopped running. And by a curious coincidence—

"What's that mean—coincidence?" Knarf interrupted.

"Happening," replied Mr Punch. "By a curious happening both clocks stopped right at twelve o'clock noon, or lunchtime. So what was the result? All the Bunglers in Bungletown sat down to lunch, and as the two clocks kept saying it was twelve o'clock noon, they kept right on sitting and eating."

"Didn't they go to work?" Hanid said in surprise.

Mr Punch shook his head. "They did nothing but sit and eat

lunch. They sat and ate because the two clocks told them it was lunchtime. And as the old Bungler never came back to wind the clocks again, they kept right on doing that and nothing more."

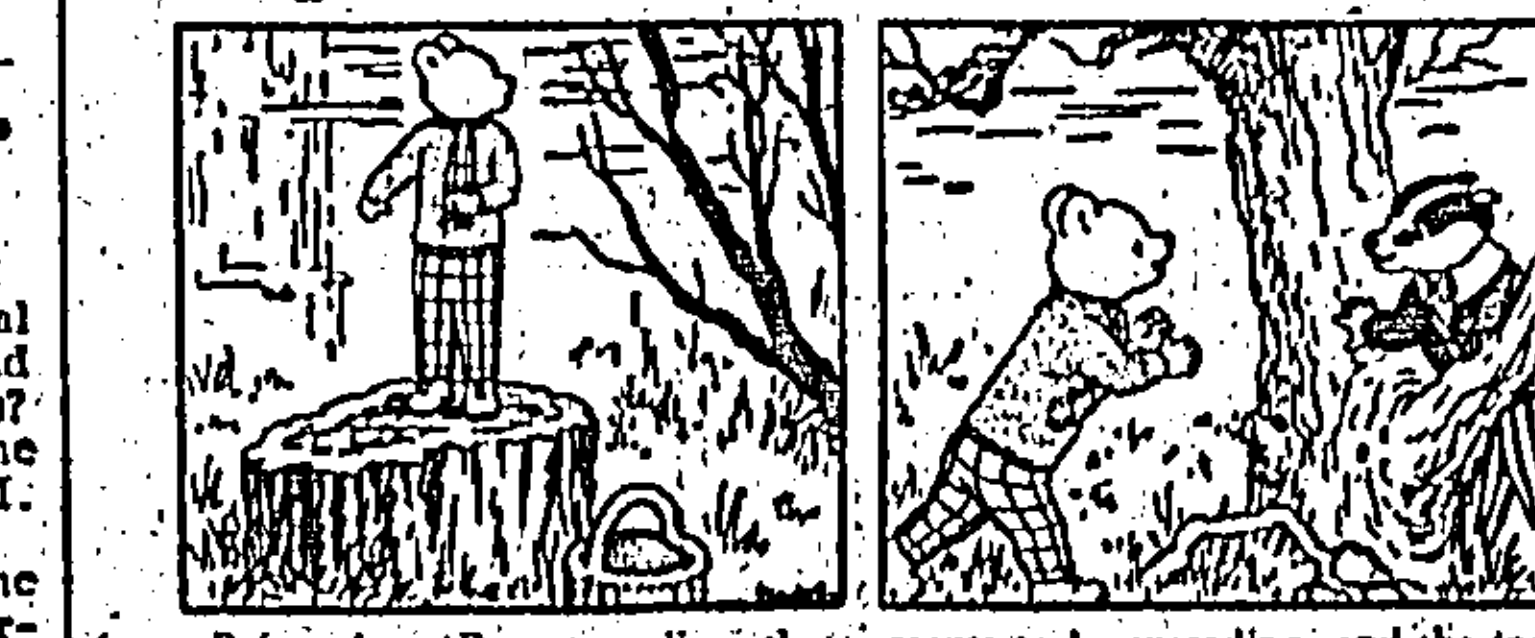
"They ate and ate for weeks and weeks and months and months. It was very pleasant, of course, and they all enjoyed themselves immensely, except that after a few months they all became so fat that they could hardly squeeze in between their chairs and the table. But none of them would ever get up."

"But," said Knarf after Mr Punch stopped, "didn't they ever get the clocks going again? They couldn't go on eating lunch forever!"

Mr Punch shrugged. "I never heard of what finally happened. For all I know the Bunglers of Bungletown are still all sitting and eating lunch. I told you they had no brains."

Knarf and Hanid couldn't help feeling sorry for the poor Bunglers, but it did seem like a good idea to eat lunch for a long, long time!

Rupert and the New Bonnet—12



Before long Rupert realised that the foxes have played a trick on him. The woods are thick that he cannot keep walking in a straight line. This may not even be the way to Nodwood at all. He thinks anxiously. To add to his troubles, a thin sort of dog seems to be spreading, and the fox has a most peculiar smell. Thinking he hears a sound, he mounts a tree stump and shouts. Almost at once there is an answering call, and the sound of footsteps, and, to his delight, the cheerful face of his dog appears.

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RUPERT and the WRONG PRESENTS

Colony Badminton Championships

RAMON YOUNG LOOKS A VERY GOOD PROSPECT FOR THE TRIPLE CROWN

Says "ARGONAUT"

Helen Kuong and Ramon Young made their way into the finals of all their three events when four more semi-finals of the Colony Open Badminton Championships were decided at St. Teresa's Hall last night.

For Helen Kuong, who was only in the junior ranks last year, this is already a creditable achievement, although the chances are very slim of her being able to emulate the success of the first lady triple crown winner, Miss Winnie Cheung, last year.

Ramon Young seems a very good prospect for the triple crown with an odds-on chance in the Mixed and Men's Doubles and a 50-50 chance in the Singles, the final of which will be played tonight.

Royal Ulster Rifles Do Well At Boxing

In the semi-final of the Far East Boxing Championships (later only held at Kuala Lumpur), the Royal Ulster Rifles, now stationed in Hongkong, defeated REME by 10 bouts to one. Sgt. Farrell and Rtn. Carlin of the RUR both won by knock-outs.

The Royal Ulster Rifles will now meet the Manchester Regiment in the final at Singapore to-morrow.

Comb. Services Teams For Macao Visit

The following have been selected to represent the Combined Services XI to play against the Hochei Club de Macao at Macao on Saturday, April 5: S/Sgt. Pittam (Army); SAC Noonan (RAF), Sign. Hammonds (Army); Capt. Duffley (Army); S/Sgt. Howell (Army) and LAC Hasham (RAF); Sgt. Teyen (Army); Major Lambie (Army), captain, Sgt. James (Army), Cpl. McKenzie (Army) and Cpl. Brown (RAF).

The following have been invited to represent Flight-Lieut. Bullock's XI to play against the Hochei Club de Macao on Sunday, April 6:

Capt. Barker (Army); Sgt. Thrusfield (RAF); L/Pat. Sullivan (RN); DA Little (RN); F/Lt. Bullock (RAF), Captain, SAC Andrews (RAF); Cpl. MacChesney (RAF); Sgt. Thomas (RAF); Lieut. Charny (RAF); S/Lt. Smith (RAF); and Cpl. Taylor (Army).

Also to travel: Tel. Snow (RN), Capt. Weldon (Army), reserves: Instr. Cmdr. Goss, RN, team manager; F/Sgt. Aldridge (RAF) and Lt. Smith (Army), umpires.

The party will leave Hongkong on the m/s. Takshing, departing at 12 p.m. on Friday and will return by the same vessel on Sunday afternoon.

HKCC v REST AT SQUASH

The Hongkong Cricket Club will meet the "Rest of the Colony" in a squash match at Victoria Barracks at 5.30 p.m. to-day.

The sides, which appear very evenly matched, are as follows:

HKCC—D.L. Boanquet, P. Holmes, G.H.P. Pritchard, R. Macpherson, H.R.O. Hubble.

Rest—Lt Col Fyler, Lt. Carne, Sqn/Ldr Kingsford, Eric Cumine, Lt. Cmdr Cook.

TIME OUT FOR THE CHOONGS



Eddie Choong and his cousin, Amie ("Precious Pearl"), Malayan students living in London, take refreshment during the All-England Badminton Championships at Empress Hall, Earl's Court, London. — Express Photo.

The Mixed Doubles curtain-raiser yesterday between the two Chinese YMCA pairs of W. F. Foo and Helen Kuong, and Patrick Wong and Dorothy Lam provided a closely contested match.

LITTLE TO CHOOSE

There was little to choose between the two men, Wong excelling in sideline smashes and drives, and Foo in court drops. Brilliant form by Helen Kuong and an off-day for Dorothy Lam decided the issue for Foo and Kwong by 18-14 and 15-10.

The winners enjoyed a 13-6 lead in the first set before Wong and Lam settled down to gradually force the set to 15-13. After scoring one defence point, they could not, however, stop their opponents from completing the set on their next two services.

The losers held on to a 4-7 and 7-9 score in the set, but brilliant net play by Helen Kuong and a series of errors by Dorothy Lam at this stage enabled Foo and Kwong to reel off five points in a row and take a 14-7 lead.

A final bid by the losers gave them three more points before Foo completed the set and match with a hard smash.

The Ladies' Singles semi-final saw the evening's Ulian Khoo enter her fourth successive final since the event was started in 1948 with an 11-3 and 11-2 victory over that all-round athlete, Stella Corea.

With already seven titles to her credit in Hongkong's short badminton history, Ulian has so far only lost one of her past three singles finals, and on her form last night looks set for her third win in this event.

Comparatively a newcomer to the game, Stella Corea, though beaten, put up a good fight, and her game yesterday showed vast improvement from previous form.

There was better courtcraft and greater concentration on stroke accuracy, although the number of errors, particularly in her lob, could be further cut down.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Three times former Ladies' Doubles Champion and the second-seeded pair this year, Mrs. Mylthie Gonsalves and Maggie Xavier gave the youthful combination of Helen Kuong and Dorothy Lam a run for all their worth before bowing out of the tournament with a 17-15 and 15-8 score.

Helen Kuong was the most prominent of the four and her strong smashes, forceful drives and sharp drop shots were largely responsible for carrying the Chinese party through.

Both Mylthie Gonsalves and Maggie Xavier played a little above their average form. They held their own in the hard-hitting rallies but were just that little bit slow to retrieve the short and half-court drops.

Although 3-2 down in the opening set, the losers, in a brilliant stroke, scored six points to lead 9-6.

Lam and Kwong caught up to 9-10 and 10-12, and went on to 14-12 before they were forced to 14-14.

The Recreio pair went to a 1-0 lead after deuce was called but lost three successive points on the changeover of service to concede the first set to their opponents by 15-18.

The second set was another neck-and-neck affair until 9-8, when Lam and Kwong raced ahead to a 13-8 and 14-8 lead to win the set comfortably by 15-8.

MEN'S DOUBLES

In the only Men's Doubles semi-final of the evening, the Philippine Doubles title holders, Ramon Young and W. F. Foo, had to fight all the way for their two-set win over Robert Tay and K. Y. Tam.

The first set went to 11-11 before the winners took four points in a row to complete it. In the second set, Tay and Tam sailed into a 7-1 lead with some hard smashes and aggressive play, but lapsed into the number of errors when the winners switched on to a slower dropping game.

Making his debut in a senior competition, junior player K. Y. Tam, although a little off form, stood up well to the constant barrage of shots piled at him and with a little more experience and steadiness and a little more participation in competitive senior games should stand out as another promising player of the year.

TONIGHT'S GAMES

7.45 p.m.: Ladies' Doubles semi-final—Miss W. Cheung & Miss Ulian Khoo v. Mrs. E. Tok & Miss S. Corea.

8.15 p.m.: Men's Doubles semi-final—P. Wong & C. K. Lee v. A. Torres Jr. & M. Yanga.

8.45 p.m.: Men's Singles final—Ramon Young v. Robert Tay.

9.15 p.m.: Ladies' Singles final—Miss U. Khoo or Miss S. Corea v. Miss Helen Kwong.

Fred Corcoran Regaining The Helm Of PGA

Augusta, Georgia, Apr. 2.

Fred Corcoran, who built a sports empire of tournament golf, is regaining the helm of the Professional Golfers' Association, it was disclosed today.

Corcoran, banished five years ago as PGA director, is gaining broader powers than he previously held, according to authoritative sources.

Officials of the Augusta Masters Tournament said the tournament sponsor, Corcoran, had signed a \$12,000-a-year contract to become super promotion director, subject to the approval of the PGA Executive Committee.

Although Corcoran is delaying action until after the PGA meeting in Chicago on April 21-23, sources said he had lined up all the backing he needs to win Committee approval. — United Press.

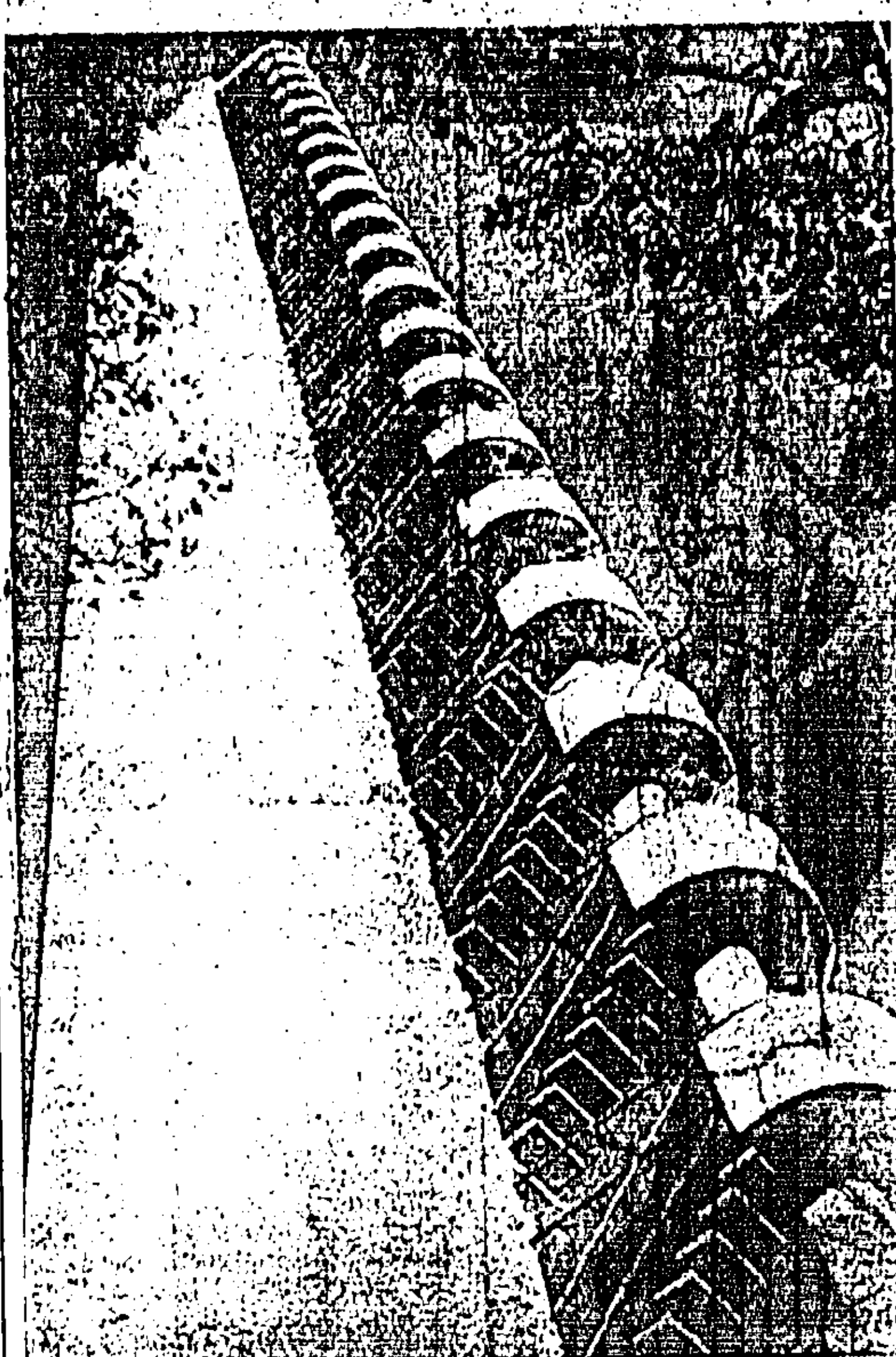
Hancock Shield Match This Week-end

The Hongkong Cricket Club and Kowloon Cricket Club will meet in the second game of the Hancock Shield cricket competition this week-end at Chater Road. Play will commence on Saturday at 1.45 p.m. and on Sunday at 11 a.m.

The following are the teams: HKCC—H. Owen Hughes, N. E. Arthy, F. Howarth, C. B. Connors, G. T. Rowley, P. A. Whitcombe, G.H.P. Pritchard, A.E. Perry, R.C. Craig, R. Macpherson, J. Shannon, 12th man—L. Strachan.

KCC—S. V. Gittins, P. V. Dodge, W.M. Davidson, A.T. Lee, R.E. Lee, J. Lericou, Kenneth Lo, J. Muldoon, J. V. Sellers, A. Zimmerman, F. R. Zimmerman, Reserves, — G.S. Karmage, C.J. Smith.

HELSINKI PREPARES



What is this unusual example of ultra-modern architecture that towers into the sky? The answer, believe it or not, is an observation tower which has just been erected, and which is to be the centre piece of the vast Olympic Stadium now being prepared in Helsinki, Finland, for the forthcoming 1952 Olympic Games. A lift inside the tower takes the onlookers to various heights in order to watch the many events. — Express Photo.

IRENE STARKEY IS THE LADIES' LOOP BATTING CHAMPION

By "GRANDSTAND"

Battling statistics for the recently completed Ladies' League having been finalised and checked, they reveal that starry Wahoo shortstop Irene Starkey topped everybody else with a wide margin to annex the title this year. Irene's astronomical average of .474 notched this year, which is a remarkable feat considering that this diamond artiste has seen action for the past umpteen years, caused us to check over past performances.

We remember Irene, who was always a one-team gal, starting out in 1937 when she batted a miserable .283 in the same year that team-mate Yvonne Yelle claimed the title, and from that time, her ambition was to achieve that coveted distinction. Through the post-war years Irene has always made the top ten, finishing among the first three on several occasions, and her latest feat has set a mark which will take some time before it will be lowered.

The highest percentage previously returned was by Canuckette Avarita Choy, the terror at the plate, when her free swinging achieved .448, and before that lefty Dolly Maddox with .436.

A COMPARISON

Irene's heavy willow wielding also contributed much towards the Wahoos' fifth consecutive Championship for a comparison of the teams' averages show that the Owls were almost outthrust by the Squaws who finished second. The relevant figures for the Ladies' Loop this year are as follows:

	At Bat	Hits	B.A.
Wahoos	331	85	.257
Squaws	370	91	.246
Pool To	305	50	.163
S. China	245	30	.122

The search into old records, brought to light a document compiled by our present Secretary, Blm Abong, which showed that in the 'good old days' of the distaff circuit,

players batted around 60 times during the season in a two-round series. Figures should prove something for in both the completed Ladies' and Men's "B" Division Leagues, the order in which they batted, the wire, almost coincides with their hitting effect. Take a look at the "B" Division figures:

	At Bat	Hits	B.A.
US Navy	377	95	.252
Warriors	359	77	.214
Red Sox	317	70	.220
Americans	219	46	.211
Baseballers	228	48	.211
Dodgers	282	54	.191

Figures for the "A" Division and Junior League, which should be complete in a couple of weeks' time, should prove mighty interesting.

A meeting of the Council will take place at the Club Lusitano this evening at 5.30 p.m. to discuss arrangements for the Presentation Dance and the award of suitable trophies to the League winners.

Finns Are Preparing To Receive 50,000 Visitors For The Olympic Games

By WENDY HALL

Helsinki.

Only a crazy people would dare to hold the Olympic Games in Finland. Here is a country of only four million people, whose capital, Helsinki, can barely cope with its own 400,000 inhabitants, preparing to receive this summer something like 50,000 visitors. Five thousand arriving simultaneously would overstrain its resources at any other time. But it is going to manage the fifty thousand all right.

Helsinki is the smallest city that has ever been host to the Games. The XV Olympiad, to be held here from July 19 to August 3, will probably be the 'biggest ever'. In London in 1948 there was a record number of participants — 59 countries and 4,159 athletes. The Finns expect the British record to be beaten, because this year there will be 149 different types of competition, against 136 in 1948.

No wonder the Finns are all falling over themselves to get ready for the Games. For more than a year they have been talking about them. Old ladies and chauffeurs, children and waitresses are all learning English. Guides and interpreters for sports journalists have had regular and intensive training for eighteen months. And the Finnish Organising Committee, presided over by the energetic Lord Mayor of Helsinki, Erik von Frenckell, has been working day and night for months.

The worst problem has been accommodation. It's hard enough to get a hotel room in Helsinki when absolutely nothing is happening. The outlook for the prospective visitor is pretty grim—unless he knows that the Finns are the most hospitable people in the world and that every single soul in the capital regards it as a point of honour to do something to help make the Games a success.

So most visitors will live in private homes, as the hotels will be crammed full with official and invited guests. Already accommodation for 40,000 has been offered. The Games fall just at the right time of year, for most Finnish people have their own cottages in the country or, by the sea, where at least part of the family goes for the summer. So there will be room for visitors in homes which have all been inspected and carefully graded 1st, 2nd and 3rd class. In most of these, visitors will probably be happier than in hotels. The Finns love foreigners and they love entertaining; the only danger to their guests is that they will be killed with kindness.

Prices for beds range from 35/- down to 10/- a night. The British visitor, restricted to £25, may prefer to live on a camping site and pay 4/- a night for a bed in a tent. If the weather is good, he could do far worse. Military tents are being put up on two of the many idyllic, wooded islands which encircle Helsinki.

One, connected by a bridge to the mainland, is only 10 minutes by bus from the Stadium, yet as lovely a site as the most seasoned camper could find. Meals, too, will be cheap here, because several field kitchens will be set up. Elsewhere in the city the currency-restricted traveller will be able to eat specially in open air restaurants, or buy lunch baskets. He will be well advised to avoid the big hotels, which serve splendid meals at the most splendid prices.

There will be plenty to do apart from watching the Games. Even at the end of the day another day seems to stretch ahead, for there is no darkness at this time of the year in Helsinki, only a little twilight around midnight.

All around the city are small islands waiting to be visited by ferry boat; there is swimming and yachting.

Or there is the sauna, or Finnish bath, which every visitor must experience at least once. This is the local variation of the Turkish bath—but the air is hotter and drier. You sit in a temperature of 72 degrees Fahrenheit, beat your naked body all over with leafy birch twigs, then run out of the bath house, just as you are, and jump into the sea. And even in winter, it never feels as cold as it really is.

Of course, it can rain in the summer in Finland too. Helsinki citizens are themselves delighted to know that new bars will be opened for the

HELSINKI? TAKE YOUR STRONGEST PAIR OF BOOTS

Says PETER WILSON

The English, who traditionally take their pleasures seriously, are going to have every opportunity to do so this summer—at least, those of them who are willing to go as spectators to Helsinki (only 400 miles away from the Arctic Circle), for the Olympic Games.

Although the Treasury has now announced that admission tickets may be paid for in sterling without deduction from the annual £25 travel allowance, this should not be considered as an occasion for unrestricted joy and mafficking.

It helps, but that is all, for £25 out of the £25 will still have to be found for accommodation, leaving only £18 10s. for a ten-day visit to Finland.

Now come a few warning notes. On transportation one travel agency says, "There are buses and trams in the city, but it is possible they will not be able to cater adequately with all the expected visitors. Taxis are not expensive, but may be difficult to obtain."

Then, in a mood of unrestricted gloom, the brochure adds: "It may, therefore, be necessary to walk to and from the Olympic Stadium and other stadiums, and members should take strong shoes. In case they need them, all thought of blisters, blisters, and the common corn, this little careful continues: 'It should be possible, however, to walk from the centre of Helsinki to almost any location, taking 15 to 30 minutes to arrive at destination. (Messrs Hardy, Allen, and Churcher please note.)"

By this time you may be feeling somewhat peckish. Fear nothing, brave Argonaut, all has been arranged. You can go to a temporary canteen and get a standard meal consisting of one warm dish (meat or fish), plus bread and butter, soup, and cereals (oatmeal, etc.), plus cold you anything from 3s. to 4s. 6d., and probably a couple of indigestion tablets.

Relaxed by your hearty walk, satisfied with your not-so-hearty meal, and probably smothered with oatmeal, you can then, for the privilege of 25s., sit on a hard seat not under cover.

NO COVER. It will no doubt reassure you to know that "there are no under-cover seats available, but the weather is normally fine at this time of year in Finland."

Happy little fan that you are now, after a return walk of half an hour.

If you are doing this luxuriously, you will have pro-

Home Rugger Results

London, Apr. 2.

The following were the results of rugger games played today:

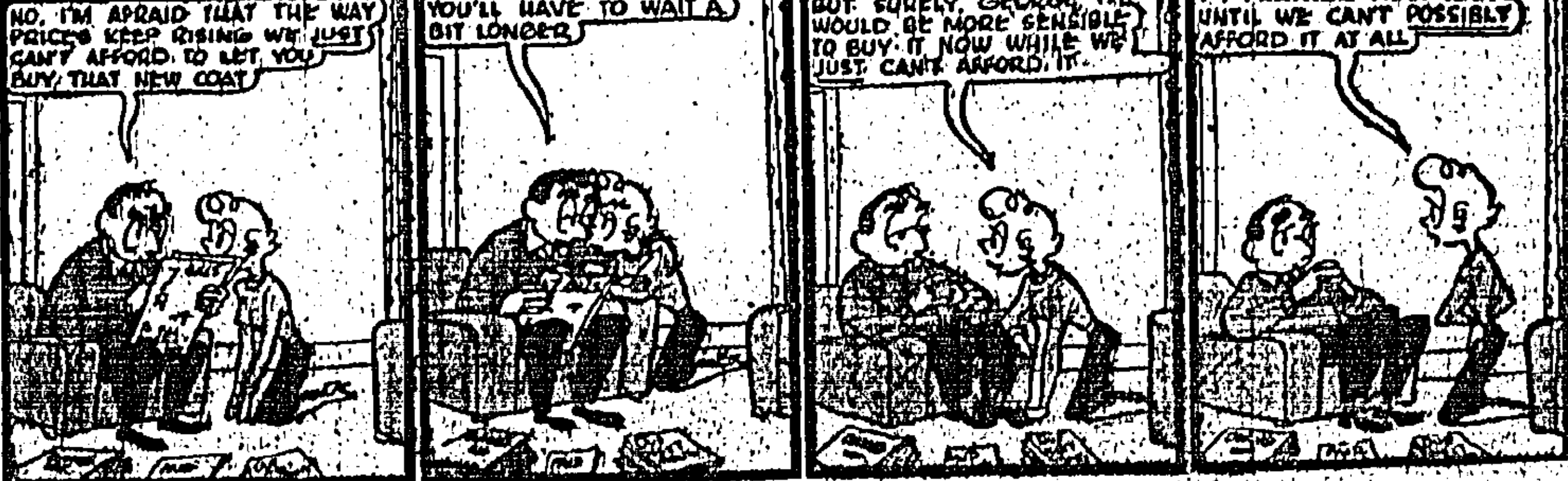
RUGBY UNION
Bristol 3, Pontypool 8.
Coventry 12, Guy's Hospital 3.
Liverpool 19, Birkenhead Park 6.

MAESTRO 5, Neath 11.
Royal Navy Engineering College, Keyham 3, Plymouth Albion 6.

ARMY CUP FINAL
1st Battalion Welsh Guards, BAOR 14, Depot and Training Establishment, RAMC 0.

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Says. TOM FINNEY

CUP SEMI-FINAL

Newcastle Win Through On A Penalty Kick

(Our Own Correspondent)

the middle; Elvy missed it and just as Foulkes was about head into the empty net, right half Campbell assisted the ball away. The referee did not hesitate to award a penalty.

and, to light-ball not be even more prosperous than it is now. The number of players seems to be going up every year and the remarkable strides forward by national schools associations

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Home Soccer Results

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Callover On The Grand National

Well as Doggart played, could never find a weakness in the defence of the agile Paton player—Butler.

Huddersfield To Protest Freak Goal

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"SINGKING"	Keelung	5 p.m.	8th Apr.
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"SINGHUEN"	Bangkok	8 a.m.	7th Apr.
"SINGKING"	Keelung	7 a.m.	7th Apr.
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G. "AUTOMEDON"	5th Apr.	11th May
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ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that

the Sixty-first Ordinary

Yearly Meeting of the

Members of the Company

will be held at the Office of

Messrs. Jardine, Matheson &

Co., Ltd., Pedder Street,

Hong Kong, on Thursday, the

3rd day of April, 1952, at

Noon, to transact the follow-

ing business:—

1. To receive and consider

the Report of the Direc-

tors and the Statement of

Accounts for the year

ended 31st December,

1951, and the Auditors'

Report thereon.

2. To sanction a Dividend in

respect of the year 1951.

3. To elect Directors.

4. To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER

BOOKS

Notice is also given that the

Transfer Books and Register

of Members will be closed,

from the 21st March, 1952, to

the 3rd April, 1952, both days

inclusive.

By Order of the Board

of Directors,

G. B. S. THOMSON,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1952.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

m/v "ASTYANAX"

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will

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1952, and consignees are requested to

have their representatives present

during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

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Hongkong, April 3, 1952.

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CIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES

Hongkong, 1st April, 1952.

Amazing Story Told In Court

Dublin, Apr. 2.

A letter to a husband said a

baby had been born to his wife

under another name in a nursing

home.

It added that she had left

without notice, without paying

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Japanese Refer New Peace Proposals To Tokyo

Taipei, Apr. 3.

Japanese peace delegates today referred to Tokyo provisions of the newly revised Chinese draft treaty on which the Foreign Office here pinned hopes for a successful end to the negotiations which are now in the seventh week.

The Chinese hopes were based chiefly on a new approach to the provision asking recognition of Nationalist China as an equal to any of the Allied powers which was rejected by Japan in the earlier form.

SEAMAN'S CLAIM FOR WAGES

A claim for wages due was brought by Victor Emmanuel de Faria-Neves, formerly second engineer of the s.s. Admiral Chase, against the owners, the Ta Hing Co. (Hongkong) Ltd., of St. George's Building, before Mr. Justice Goff in the Summary Court this morning.

Plaintiff claimed \$955.08 as four days' extra pay due to him in accordance with a letter of appointment dated April 28, 1951.

Defendants brought a counter-claim for \$700 which they alleged had been mistakenly paid to the plaintiff for efficient services. They alleged the plaintiff was inefficient in his work.

Mr. P. J. Griffiths appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. W.C.J. Carr represented the defendants.

A POSTSCRIPT

Giving evidence, Faria-Neves said he was given a letter signed by F.M. Castro, Secretary of the Ta Hing Company, appointing him second engineer of the s.s. Admiral Chase on April 28, 1951. Castro, he said, also told him he was entitled to four days' extra pay per month. This statement was not contained in the letter, but Castro added in a postscript to that effect, and initiated it. Plaintiff thereupon served a second summons on the ship on February 19 this year, when the crew were paid off. He was paid some money, but did not receive the four days' extra pay.

A letter of demand was sent to the defendants, and a reply was received. Until that reply, plaintiff had no indication either verbally or in writing of any counter-claim. Neither did the defendants at any time complain to him regarding any inefficiency.

After plaintiff had completed his evidence, Mr. Griffiths handed to the Court a certificate of discharge signed by the master of the Admiral Chase testifying to the plaintiff's good character and ability. Counsel also produced 24 other certificates to the same effect.

Mr. Carr remarked that in view of the certificate issued by the master of the Admiral Chase, he would have to withdraw his counter-claim as he had received contrary instructions and it was also contrary to what his witnesses would say.

Permission to withdraw was given. The hearing is proceeding.

Insufficient Life Belts

Ernest Henry Baker, 52, licensee of the motor junk Tai Wai, was fined \$30 by Mr. T. B. Low at the Marine Court this morning for failure to provide the junk with sufficient life saving apparatus while under way.

Sub-inspector J. Campbell said the 1,541-pilot junk was intercepted in Sulphur Channel yesterday afternoon while en route to Macao. It carried 11 life belts instead of the 20 as stipulated in the licence. Defendant was not on board but there were 12 crewmen.

Defendant said eight of the life belts had deteriorated and they were taken ashore in Macao by the master for repair.

Mr. Low remarked that licence conditions must be observed but as there was sufficient life belts for the crew at the time, he would fine defendant \$30.

World's Youngest Pilot



Fourteen-year-old Bobbie Vaassen of Arnhem, seated in his glider, is said to be the world's youngest glider pilot. His father is the Chief Technical Officer of the Terlet Glider Airport near the town of Arnhem, Holland. — London Express.

Old Faults Repeated

After an interval of nearly four months, "La Traviata" has for the second time had a first — and a last night. It was rather disappointing that these months have made little difference to the faults which were apparent on the original presentation. In spite of them, however, the show was remarkably good, and the singers' intonation of Italian excellent.

Maestro Gualdi and Jannette Ho between them carried the show. A pity that the orchestra slipped the first prelude which sounds so exquisitely the atmosphere of the tragedy to come, and that for most of the first act and on several later occasions the music drowned the voices of the singers, which at best were rarely powerful, though they lacked nothing in quality.

A few more practices together would have made a world of difference to the various parts of the orchestra, some of which were individually good. Jeanette Ho as Violetta grew better and better, so that in the last act her voice was really moving; rich and deep with pathos and fully expressing her joy in Alfredo's love as she is dying. — SUE DAWSON.

Soldier From Korea Robbed

Leong Sit-mui, alias Ho Saul-tai, a 23-year-old woman, was sentenced to nine months by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning when she pleaded guilty to stealing \$1,800 from Albert E. Mellor of REME Workshop, New Territories.

The prosecution said on July 27 last year, complainant who recently returned from Korea came to Hongkong to spend a week-end. He had with him \$2,000 being money saved when he was in Korea.

Complainant took a room in Central Hotel, Wanchai, and in the evening went to the White Horse Cafe where he became acquainted with defendant.

In the hotel room complainant kept \$1,800 in his pocket which he placed in a drawer of the night table. During the night, complainant who was disturbed in his sleep found defendant crawling on the floor. She told him that she was looking for coins which she had dropped from her purse.

When complainant awoke in the morning and found defendant had absconded with his money, he made a report to the Police.

The Police arrested defendant on March 27 at Connaught Road, Central. Defendant who was about to leave for Macao told the Police she arrived from Macao a few days ago where she spent all the money she had stolen.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6.00. Programme Summary: 6.02. It's Swing Time: 6.30. Hit Parade: 7.00. Time Sign: World News and News Analysis (London Relay): 7.15. Letter from America by Alvin Karp (Recorded Relay): 7.30. La Demi-Heure Francaise (Studio): 7.35. Weather Report: 8.00. From the Editor's (Recorded Relay): 8.10. Interlude: 8.15. Piano Parade: 8.30. Ray's a Laugh (BBC's) with Ted Ray, Kitty Blues and Fred Yule: 9.00. Sports Review by Bill Phillips (Studio): 9.15. Ring Up the Curtain (BBC's) "The Queen of Spades" by Tchaikovsky. Victoria Sladen. Oda Slobodskaya (Soprano), Richard Lewis (Tenor), Roderick Jones, Redvers Livell (Baritone). The BBC Opera Orchestra and Chorus conducted by Stanford Robinson: 10.15. As I know her (BBC's) "Ellen Terry" by Compton Mackenzie: 10.30. Time for Music (BBC's) The Melody Maker conducted by Alan Whitehead: 11. Radio News Reel (Recorded Relay): 11.15. Goodnight Music: 12.22. Weather Report: 12.30. Save The Queen: 11.30. Close down.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

WORKING backwards from the boy's age, the several dates can be calculated as follows: Boreham's son was born on June 13, 1930. Boreham was born on May 13, 1924. Boreham's father was born on April 13, 1918. Boreham's grandfather was born on March 13, 1906. Boreham's great-grandfather was born on February 13, 1904. And his great-great-grandfather was born on January 13, 1902. London Express Service.

WVF Club's Social Evening

The newly-formed Women Volunteer Forces Club held an enjoyable social evening yesterday at the Volunteer Centre.

Over twenty members from the Navy, Army and Air Force sections of the Royal Hongkong Defence Force attended the dinner, with Capt. Hill (Adjutant) and R.S.M. King of the Hongkong Regiment as guests of honour.

The President, Sgt. B. Golevsky reported that the Club had a present membership of 30.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE ANSWERS

1. U.S. 82nd Airborne Division. 2. Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy March. 3. Seventy-seven. 4. A South African fighter pilot who distinguished himself in the Battle of Britain and now leads the anti-Government party, the Torch Commando. 5. In the pre-war Marcus Show. 6. Franklin D. Roosevelt in his first inaugural address.

Surcharge On Godown Storage Rates Likely, Says Keswick

REPORTS TO ANNUAL MEETING OF WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY

The Board of Directors of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company have under active consideration the imposition of a surcharge on storage rates, Mr John Keswick, CMG, disclosed at the annual general meeting of the company over which he presided this morning.

Mr Keswick said that operating costs were approximately six times greater than in 1941. He added that for the time being there will be no intention to increase cargo handling charges, although if general costs in the Colony continue to mount, consideration may have to be given to this point as well.

Reporting on the reconstruction of No. 5 wharf, Mr Keswick said that work was proceeding satisfactorily and that by the end of the present year the wharf will, to all intents and purposes, be a new all-concrete structure.

Addressing the meeting, which was held in the Board Room of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Mr Keswick said:

The restrictions on trade introduced at the end of 1950 had an immediate effect on the number of vessels entering the Port, but as your Chairman mentioned at our last Annual Meeting, during the early part of the year cargoes handled were maintained at a satisfactory level. Later, however, these figures also declined, and our final total for the year was 740 vessels discharging 901,465 tons of cargo as compared with 923 ships handled in 1950 discharging 1,010,157 tons of cargo.

Those of you who have read the Port figures published monthly by the Director of Marine will have noticed the steady drop both in vessels using the port and cargo discharged and loaded, and it is therefore only natural that our figures should reflect the same tendency.

During the first three months of this year, although we have handled as many ships as during the same period last year, tonnages of cargo show a further drop. I am afraid I can see little prospect of improvement in these figures for some time to come. Cargo movement in general in the Port is at a very low level, and without being unduly pessimistic I am afraid the position may get worse before it gets better. As a result of the lack of cargo movement our godowns remain full but we have not so far had to contend with serious congestion, such as we experienced a few years ago when little or no goods moved out of North China and more and more kept on arriving.

PROPERTIES

A new dangerous goods godown has been built on our Marmalade property as an addition to the heavily taxed Port facilities for this type of cargo. This additional facility for our clients will bring benefit both to them and ourselves. Our timber storage facilities also have been extended by the installation of a supplementary timber yard at Lai Chi Kok.

Our launch and lighter fleet was, as in the past, well employed during the year and we have proceeded with our planned replacement programme. Since our last meeting eleven new craft have been added to the lighter fleet. Two chartered lighters, which had passed the stage of economic operation, were returned to their owners and two more of our old craft, the repairs to which were no longer an economic proposition, were sold at a profit. Total strength of the fleet today is 88 craft as compared with our pre-war number of 120, but our total carrying capacity has now reached the pre-war figure of 9,000 tons.

The first stage of the reconstruction of our No. 5 Wharf was completed during the year and work is now proceeding on the remaining portion. By the end of the year No. 5 Wharf will, to all intents and purposes, be a new all concrete wharf, and will give us three modern piers of almost indeterminate life, providing berths for six ocean-going vessels. Our other four berths at the remaining two Ocean Wharves, which as you know are of steel and timber construction, have been kept in good order during the year, as also has our Coastal Wharf at West Point.

Further additions have been made to our mechanical equipment which have contributed to

the efficiency of our general cargo handling.

Ever since our resumption of business in 1945, the Chairman at the annual general meeting has been able to say that our storage rates have been maintained at the figures originally introduced in that year despite increased operating costs. These increased costs, however, have now made it necessary for some increase to be made in our storage rates which were originally fixed in 1945 at three times the rate prevailing in 1941. Operating costs in general today are approximately six times what they were in 1941. While we still adhere to the policy we have always followed of keeping rates in this Port down to a minimum commensurate with efficiency, it is I think obvious that such a discrepancy in the ratios calls for adjustment.

I wish to take this opportunity of saying that the Board of your Company has under active consideration the imposition of a surcharge on our storage rates. The Board feels that in conformity with its general policy such an increase must be kept as low as possible, but on the other hand, it is necessary to protect the interests of your Company from the point of view of the under-taking as a whole and of course of the shareholders. Such a decision cannot be considered unreasonable.

I would like to add that for the time being there will be no intention to increase our cargo handling rates, although if general costs in the Colony continue to mount, consideration may have to be given to this point as well.

ACCOUNTS

The decline in trade in the Port, to which I have already referred, naturally affected our own earnings, and you will note from the Accounts before you that our profits on working is reduced by \$1,274,300 or 28%. You will see in the Profit and Loss Account that during the year, however, we disposed of our investments holding at a fair profit and the balance of the Profit and Loss Account compared with last year shows a decrease of \$899,000. The balance carried to Appropriation Account is \$2,351,173 and the total available for allocation is \$2,074,440. Your Directors propose to pay the same dividend as last year, that is, \$12 per share, free of tax, but this payment results in a reduced carry forward although no transfer has been made. To General Reserve which stands at the substantial figure of \$5,000,000, and I must again emphasize that trade prospects are not good and may result in a serious drop in earnings during the current year.

In the Balance Sheet there are a few items on which I wish to comment. In the Fixed Assets \$309,000 was expended on No. 5 Wharf and \$314,000 on six new lighters completed during the financial year. I have mentioned these items already. The expenditure on railways and rolling stock included the new crane track at our Lai Chi Kok property and the new cargo truck tracks for the completed portion of No. 5 Wharf. Two launches, the Choi Cheuk and the Stork, were fitted with new engines at a cost of \$75,100 to comply with new Port Regulations. These were the main items of capital expenditure.

Our cash position showed improvement due to the realisation of our investments.

Seconding the Chairman's proposal for the adoption of the report, the Hon. P.S. Cassidy said: The address we have just listened to has struck a somewhat sombre note but I feel that we can congratulate ourselves on the strength of our financial position. We are fully prepared if there is to be a set back in our earnings capacity and with our buildings, piers and equipment brought to a high standard of efficiency we are ready to cope with an increased demand for our services when the tide has turned.

I should like to pay testimony to the present management and staff for carrying on that tradition of courtesy and consideration which I associate with the Company from my business experience of some thirty years. When one takes into account the disparity between pre-war and post-war operating costs it is not surprising that it has been found necessary to raise storage rates. However much we may deplore this as merchants, we cannot but feel that as shareholders we are entitled to an adjustment to an economic basis.

Mr J. Moodie proposed that the appointment of the four new Directors, Messrs L. Kadoorie, A. C. Offenbergh, J. D. Alexander and E. R. Hill be confirmed and this was seconded by Mr Wong Sik-kuon and carried.

Mr A. H. Penn and Mr H. D. Benham were re-elected directors on the proposal of Mr H. S. Dabury, seconded by Mr M. G. Trail.

Mr A. N. Mackenzie seconded the proposal of Mr Moodie that Messrs Peet, Marwick and Mitchell be elected auditors for the ensuing year at a fee of \$7,500.

Living Language

Why we say Lucre.

The Latin word for gain or profit which was dishonestly come by was "lucrum," and in Sanskrit too the word for stolen property was "lotra." When we say "lucre," meaning money or pecuniary advantage, we are always disposed to put the word "filthy" in front of it to emphasise this old sense of "dishonest" money.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 3.

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Indo-China, 5 p.m., via Air Vietnam.
Philippines, N. Borneo, 5 p.m., via C.P.A.
Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A., 5 p.m., via N.W.A.L.

By Surface
Macao, 12.30 p.m., 6 p.m., via s/s Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
Indo-China, Mauritius, 2 p.m., via s/s Luxmi.
Japan, Canada, 2 p.m., via s/s Peter MacKenzie.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4.

By Air
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., 8 a.m., via C.P.A.L.
Siam, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great m., via B.O.A.C.
Burma, India, 10.30 a.m., via Thai Airways.

By Surface
Formosa, Japan, Noon, via C.A.T.
Formosa, Okinawa, 5 p.m., via H.K.A./N.W.A.L.
Malaya, Ceylon, Ceylon, India, 5 p.m., via B.O.A.C.
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 5 p.m., via B.O.A.C.
N. Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m., via Q.E.A.

By Surface
Macao, 12.30 p.m., 6 p.m., via s/s Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m., train via Canton.
Burma, India, 10 a.m., via s/s Nonpareil.
Nonpareil, 2 p.m., via s/s Morella.
Malaya, 10 a.m., via s/s Terra.
Indo-China, 3 p.m., via s/s Elsiebeth.
S.A. Africa, 5 p.m., via s/s Van Heutz.

By Air
Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Bahrain, Great Britain, Europe, 11.30 a.m., via B.O.A.C.
U.S.A., Canada, 2 p.m., via P.A.A.
Japan, 5 p.m., via B.O.A.C.
Indo-China, France, French North and West Africa, 5 p.m., via Air France.
Siam, 5 p.m., via Thai Airways.

By Surface
Macao, 12.30 p.m., 6 p.m., via s/s Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m., 5 p.m., train via Canton.
Burma, 5 p.m., via s/s Wing Sang.
East Africa, 10 a.m., via s/s Van Heutz.
Malaya, Ceylon, Madagascar, Middle East, France, 2 p.m., via s/s Patroclus.

Japan, p.m., via s/s Bronxville.
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